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Water restored, power to follow

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REPORTER

SONGSONG, Rota—Almost the entire island of Rota can re-enjoy the luxury of running water and soon, electricity.

Rota Mayor Eifram Atalig told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that running water has been restored to 98 percent of Rota; the remaining 2 percent is due to low or no water pressure.

Thanks to the speed and continuous work of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the complete restoration of both water and water can be expected on the island anytime soon, according Atalig.

As of yesterday morning, CUC was able to restore electricity to the Rota Health Center and continued to work their way through Songsong.

"I thank the CUC staff and management and, of course, the leadership of the governor, because the hospital is powered up and, thank God, because that is the most important," said Atalig.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who visited Rota and Tinian yesterday, said he is extremely happy with the speed of CUC's linemen and said that the crew will continue to reen-

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Rota Mayor Eifram Atalig, far right, and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, middle, discuss debris removal plans and further military assistance with Marine Corps Lt. Col. Christopher Johnson.
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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres visits Commonwealth Utilities Corp. linemen as they work to restore power poles that were knocked over during Typhoon Mangkhut.
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SO YOU KNOW

All government offices on Rota will reopen today, Sept. 13, 2018. Government offices on Tinian and Saipan resumed normal operations yesterday, Sept. 12.

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The Marianas Visitors Authority advised yesterday that the Rota Coconut Festival scheduled for Sept. 13-15 will be cancelled this year to focus on the recovery of Rota following Typhoon Mangkhut.

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The Saipan office of the U.S. Postal Service reopened yesterday, but the Rota post office remains closed; this office will reopen when USPS has determined that it is safe to resume operations.

The Guam main post office in Barrigada will reopen for business as usual; all other Guam postal facilities remain closed; street and P.O. box mail delivery, and mail

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'Soudelor taught CNMI a lesson'

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Saipan's experience with Typhoon Soudelor three years ago taught the CNMI a painful lesson when it comes to disaster preparedness, with the government this time being proactive even before Typhoon Mangkhut swept through the Commonwealth.

Rota was the hardest hit when Mangkhut passed the Marianas on Monday yet, just two days later, only 2 percent of Rota remains without water.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. personnel had already restored power at the Rota Health Center. The Rota Mayor's Office and the Office of Aging—used as shelters—are running on generators.

"Soudelor was a big part of our preparation for [Typhoon] Mangkhut. We learned a lot from our failures and I think this time we took a lot of efforts and precautionary measures to make our community was as prepared as possible," said Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), the House Ways and Means Committee chair.

He said he would work with House floor leader Glenn Maratita (R-Rota), the Rota Legislative Delegation, and the entire Municipality of Rota to see what kind of assistance the Legislature could provide.

"The unfortunate thing is, while there are some damage on Saipan and Tinian, Rota was hit very hard. We saw preliminary reports from Rota and very stark reminders of Soudelor where poles are down on the streets. The big difference this time, we mobilized the heavy equipment and resources before the storm landed on Rota."

He added that the preparations made by different government agencies before Mangkhut hit Rota resulted in the quick response. "I understand that they [debris] have been removed. I brought this up because, after Soudelor, it

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Groups appeal decision to relocate Marines to Guam

The Tinian Women Association, Guardians of Gani', PåganWatch and the Center for Biological Diversity—represented by Earthjustice—will continue their fight against the U.S. Navy's plans to stage live-fire war games on the islands of Tinian and Pågan in the CNMI as part of the relocation of 5,000 Marines from Okinawa to Guam.

The groups appealed yesterday a ruling by the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, which found that the Navy did not violate the National Environmental Policy Act when it failed to disclose the impacts of mission-essential training in the CNMI before giving the green light to relocate Marines to Guam.

The groups have been fighting this proposal since 2013 and filed suit against the Navy in 2016, describing the training proposed for Tinian and Pågan as "intense and destructive."

"War games would include artillery, mortars, rockets, amphibious assaults, attack helicopters and warplanes and, on Pågan, ship-to-shore naval bombardment. The training would destroy native forests and coral reefs, kill native wildlife—including endangered species—and destroy prime farmland," said the groups in a statement yesterday.

"The proposed training on Tinian would devastate our community, blanketing much of the island in deafening noise and cutting us off from our traditional fishing grounds, cultural sites and recreational beaches," said Juanita Mendiola of Tinian Women Association. "We need to keep up this fight to protect our island for our children and our children's children."

"This is a life or death struggle for the people of Pågan," said Cinta Kaipat of PåganWatch. "If the Navy's plans go forward, they will turn our homeland into a militarized wasteland, and we will never be able to return."

Tinian is a small island with a population of just over 3,000. Currently, the only live-fire training conducted there is limited to a sniper target range. No training currently takes place on Pågan.

"We respectfully disagree with the district court's decision," said Earthjustice attorney David Henkin. "NEPA does not allow the Navy to hide from the public the truth about the highly destructive training in the Northern Marianas that Guam-based Marines would need to conduct. Rather, such information must be disclosed before the Navy makes any decisions about relocation and certainly before the Navy moves forward with implementing the relocation." ***(PR)***

Tween, teen, and adult fall craft at the JKPL

Join the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library on Sept. 20 at 4pm to celebrate the beginning of autumn with a fall craft. The event is open to participants ages 10 and up, and registration and a library card is required. Sign up in the library or online: https://goo.gl/forms/tXufIK3uTvVUH1s52.

For the latest news and events, visit the JKPL website at www.cnmilib.org and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joeten kiyu. ***(PR)***

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Tinian mayor says island also sustained some damage

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Rota took a direct hit from the Category 2 typhoon that was Typhoon Mangkhut, which leveled a lot of homes late Monday, but the typhoon's strong winds and rain also affected the neighboring islands of Saipan and Tinian.

The Tinian Mayor's Office noted yesterday that several homes and public facilities on Tinian also sustained damage.

Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas said in an email to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that preliminary review suggests damage to the island, although assessment continues to be made.

"Assessments are still being conducted and will be submitted to the…Federal Emergency Management Agency. Based on preliminary review, several homes were either affected or damaged," he said, adding that some public facilities also had minor damage.

"Shelterees have returned to their homes. [U.S. Navy] Marines were sheltered at Tinian Jr./Sr. High School and at the Tinian Youth Center. They have since relocated to North Field," he said.

According to San Nicolas, his office, along with the Department of Public Works Tinian, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources Tinian, and the Tinian Medical Center and other agency personnel are continuing with islandwide debris removal and disposal.

"Power is fully restored and water was online throughout the duration of Typhoon Mangkhut. There were no reported injuries," he noted.

"I would like to thank Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Homeland Security for deploying their advance teams to Tinian. And a big thanks goes out to our many municipal employees for their hard work and sacrifice," he added.

Typhoon Mangkhut, which is now a super typhoon, left the Marianas Tuesday and is currently barreling toward the northern tip of the Philippines, according to the National Weather Service in Guam. The NWS also noted that Mangkhut's maximum sustained winds is estimated at 155 mph, and is expected to intensify into a Category 5 super typhoon.

On Rota, which was ravaged by Mangkhut, the Rota Mayor's Office announced that they would be helping residents dispose of debris left behind by Mangkhut. For more information, contact the Rota Mayor's Office at 532-9451 to schedule.

A statement from the Torres administration noted that all government offices on Rota would re-open today, while damage assessment continues to be done on all three islands.

"We, along with our federal and military partners, will continue to monitor emergency support functions on all three islands with a specific focus on the needs of our people on Rota," the administration noted.

Status conference hearing for Mayor Atalig is re-scheduled

The U.S. District Court for the NMI re-scheduled again yesterday the status conference in the case against Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig.

The hearing had been previously set for today, Thursday. The new schedule is Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 9am, before U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy. The order did not indicate the reason behind the postponement.

The original date of the status conference was last Tuesday afternoon. But the hearing did not push through as Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona re-scheduled the status conference to today, Thursday, at 10am.

Saipan Tribune learned that the court issued the re-scheduling orders because of Typhoon Mangkhut that battered Rota on Monday.

Atalig is currently on Rota. He is allowed to appear at the status conference via telephone. It is not clear yet if he has retained Bruce Berline as his counsel.

The court earlier appointed Berline as temporary counsel for the mayor. Manglona, however, found Atalig not eligible for a court-appointed counsel.

Atalig pleaded not guilty to wire fraud.

The indictment alleged that Atalig arranged a government-funded trip from Rota to Guam for himself and 12 others on a false claim that he was going to check for surplus equipment at the Naval Base in Guam. Atalig allegedly actually went to Guam to participate in a political rally of the Republican Party last June 23 in Mangilao.

The Office of the Attorney General filed a separate criminal case against Atalig and seven other Rota municipal officials, each with theft and misconduct in public office arising from the same political rally. The defendants' arraignment in the Superior Court case is Sept. 28. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

MVA cautious about being overly dependent on one tourist market

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Although South Korea has already taken a leading tourist market share in the CNMI at 48 percent, the Marianas Visitors Authority is cautious about being overly dependent on any single market.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*'s questions about the CNMI's visitors' market share, MVA managing director Christopher Concepcion they have learned their lesson on the 1990s and early 2000s when Japan's market share was over 80 percent.

"When that crashed, the whole CNMI economy tanked," said Concepcion, adding that they cannot repeat that ever again, that's why the MVA's goal is to have a much more diversified tourism base of 30 percent of visitors coming from Japan, 30 percent of visitors coming from Korea, and 30 percent coming from China.

At present, he said, Korea leads at 48 percent, China accounts for 38 percent market share, while Japan is at 7 percent; the other markets make up the remaining 7 percent.

He said Japan has around 17 million outbound travelers annually out of a population of roughly 125 million.

He said Korea has around 23 million outbound travelers out of a population of about 51 million—"a very noticeable difference from Japan with less than half of Japan's population."

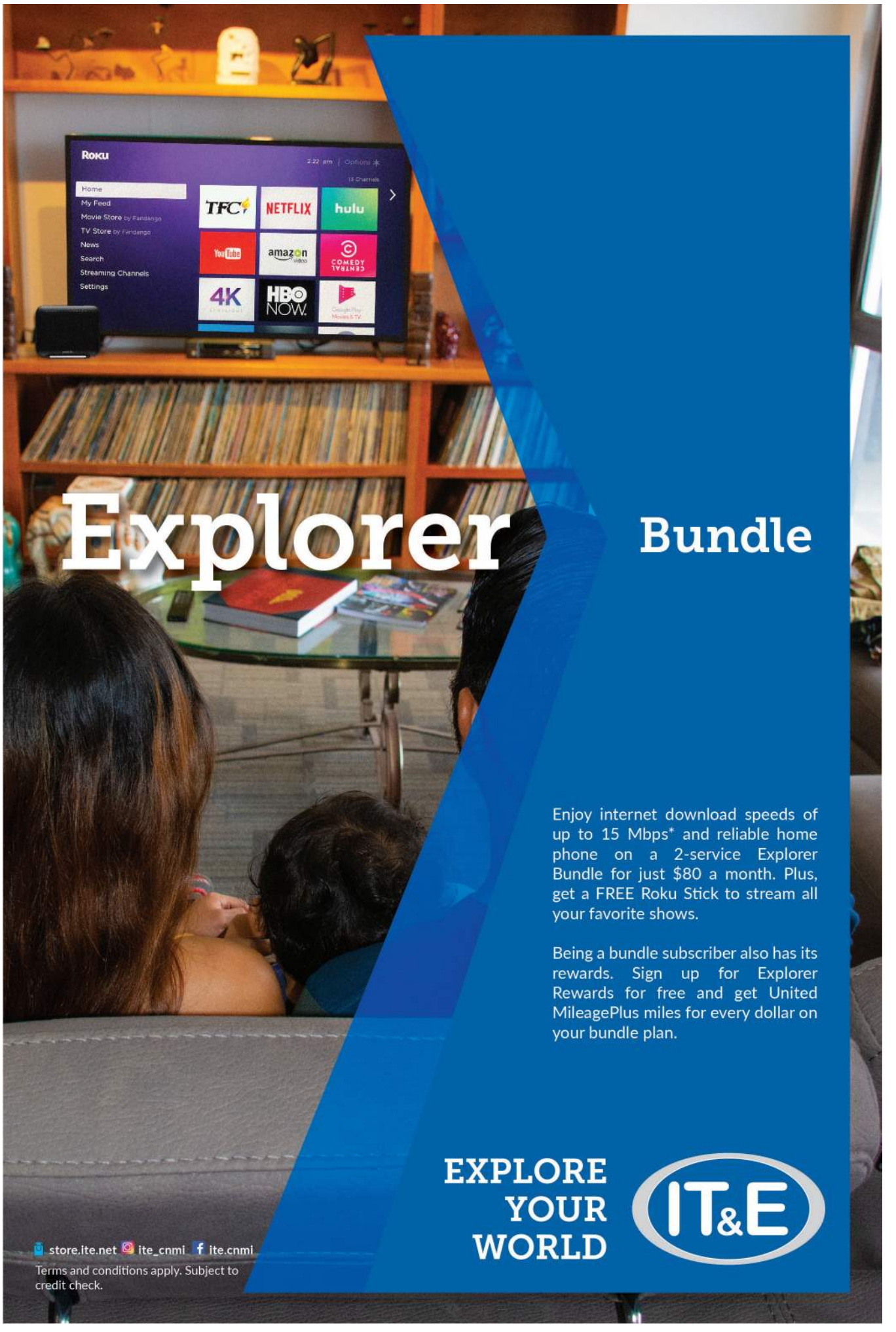
China, on the other hand, Concepcion noted, has a population of over 1.3 billion with outbound travelers totaling over 120 million last year. He said that the China market is just so massive that it's impossible to ignore—"a huge market with huge potential."

In his State of the Commonwealth Address last month, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres acknowledged that tourism continues to be a primary driver of the CNMI's development.

"Every tourist who enters our islands, staying in our hotels and eating at our restaurants, is refilling our tank," Torres said.

For the third year in a row, the governor said, the CNMI has welcomed more than 500,000 tourists.

"Tourism keeps the rain pouring, and the flow has been steady," Torres said.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ergize Songsong village.

Torres joined Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog and Atalig for a meeting with Federal Emergency Management Agency and military partners on damage assessments and recovery and relief efforts for the island.

"I am very happy because, as of last night, we were back up to 98 percent with the water situation. …They [CUC linemen] worked until midnight…so the water is up and…we are starting to re-energize Songsong village," Torres said.

With CUC able to restore power to the RHC yesterday, CUC linemen are now working their way to the schools and businesses, Torres said.

"We got the hospital up and running yesterday. Hopefully, Mobil will be up next, then the schools will follow, and then the businesses to generate economy," he said.

Torres added that a new group of CUC linemen have been deployed to Rota from Saipan to speed up the process.

"We are also working on getting Sinapalo up, we're distributing CUC line crew. …We are getting more CUC crew and equipment today. …They're coming with new generators and supplies to help our people," he said.

Atalig also gave credit to the U.S. Marines in removing downed power poles. The Marines were deployed to Rota as a result of President Donald Trump's disaster emergency declaration for the CNMI.

Atalig reported yesterday that 40-plus power poles were damaged as a result of Typhoon Mangkhut and are currently in the process of being replaced.

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) is thankful for all the agencies that are working tirelessly to expedite the restoration of Rota.

Assessment

Individual assistance assessments on Rota began yesterday with the help of FEMA, CNMI government departments and agencies, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Contact information for individual assistance is forthcoming and will be provided once an official designee and/or party has been assigned to the task.

CUC executive director Gary Camacho joined personnel deployed to Rota to assess power, water, and utility damage throughout the island. At one point, Torres helped CUC linemen remove a downed power line.

Rota recovery

Rota Feeder 1 remains down pending completion of the replacement of downed power poles. CUC personnel were expected to complete replacing the poles yesterday.

Five percent of Feeder 2 is back online.

Fifty-five percent of Feeder 3 is back online.

Water service from Juan Barcinas residence, Sinapalo 1 to Chenchon area is back online. Water services were shut down from the post office to the old Rota High School for repair work. Crews immediately repaired and restored services to the area.

American Red Cross damage assessment manager Randy Neeman did a damage assessment training for first responders and Rota municipal government employees yesterday, and they are expected to do assessments on Rota throughout the week. Red Cross teams left Saipan yesterday morning for Rota (and Tinian) to assist local volunteers and partner agencies in training and conducting damage assessments on their respective islands. These assessments will assist in determining the impact and scope of damage from Mangkhut.

Humanitarian efforts

The American Red Cross sent six pallets of relief supplies via ship to Rota yesterday. Supplies included cleaning kits, flashlights, mosquito nets, blankets, hygiene kits, water containers, tarps and cots. Supplies will be sent to Tinian as well pending further assessment.

American Red Cross-NMI Chapter staff and volunteers from the U.S. mainland are also in the CNMI to support relief work.

Fifty volunteers from the Saipan community and partner government agencies were trained on how to do damage assessments on Tuesday. After training, these volunteers performed assessments yesterday throughout Saipan.

Ayuda Luta, a donation drive being jointly organized by several CNMI government agencies and nonprofit organizations, will be accepting nonperishable food, water, and cleaning supplies for the people of Rota at the Garapan Fishing Base on Saturday, Sept. 15 beginning at 7am.

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took weeks to bring power back on Saipan."

"Just hours after the storm passed, all the equipment and manpower were out and about, clearing the roadways. …We can't tell at this point on how long it's going to take to re-energize the island [but] we can tell it wouldn't be quicker had we not learned from Soudelor."

Demapan said he is also thankful to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres asking President Donald J. Trump to declare a state of emergency, hours before Mangkhut's arrival. "I want to say that I'm very grateful to Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres for immediately sending a request for emergency declaration and, at the same time, thankful to President Trump with the White House immediately approving it."

"We're confident that it has something with the Torres and Trump administration's relationship. This is a disaster, but we'd also seen in the past that, in the face of disaster, there's still bureaucratic red tape that we have to get through. Whatever reason it may be, I'm thankful that this happened."

He added that the state of emergency declaration for the CNMI would guarantee that federal resources would be used in the rebuilding and recovery efforts for the people or Rota and others that were greatly affected by Mangkhut.

Sen. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota) said the island sustained damage to houses, agricultural crops, and other vegetation. The government has yet to release a final assessment of the amount of agricultural crops damaged by the typhoon.

"Rota sustained damage for the most part on vegetation and agricultural crops. There were also a lot of damage incurred on residential homes' tin roofing and wooden structures," said Santos.

"Many homes were impacted with flooding so the extent of damage in these homes are severe. …Secondary roads were affected due to erosion and passages to farm areas are difficult."

She said that 21 families had sought shelter at the Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High School, one of the typhoon shelters opened.

Santos also thanked the Governor's Office, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Rota Mayor's Office, Department of Public Safety, Rota Health Center, Aging Office, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Rita Inos High School, and all the departments and agencies that assisted the people of Rota.

"With this, we pray for an expeditious recovery on our island so everything will go back to normalcy," Santos added.

Torres also instructed the CNMI Office of the Attorney General during yesterday's Cabinet meeting to check and monitor price gouging to protect consumers.

Press secretary Kevin Bautista also assured that food and drinking water supply on Rota is enough, with more resources expected to arrive through FEMA and military partners.

Torres joins inspection

Torres yesterday joined the assessment team to check on the damage brought by Mangkhut on the islands of Rota and Tinian. Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig joined Torres in the meeting with Federal Emergency Management Agency officials in meeting with the military in assessing the recovery and relief efforts.

Providing shelter, food, and water to all displaced families were the immediate needs that local and federal officials agreed on after the meeting.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña and Hospital and Public Health Preparedness Program director Warren Villagomez were also on Rota to check on the Rota Health Center.

The emergency declaration secured the immediate help of the federal government, with the military committing to provide transportation in providing assistance to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam while FEMA establishes a foothold in assessing the damage brought by Typhoon Mangkhut.

Torres has also appointed and authorized special assistants Virginia C. Villagomez (Management and Budget) and Gerald J. Guerrero (HSEM) in coordinating the delivery of FEMA generators to Rota. The generators would provide power to critical public services.

The U.S. Department of Defense has also provided the delivery of water supply for the people of Rota.

Rota government reopens

Torres has also advised that all government offices on Rota resume operations today, while also cautioning residents to remain careful while driving on the road, especially in areas that are severely damaged.

He said that local and federal officials would continue their damage assessment for the three islands. "We are allocating and prioritizing the necessary government resources for recovery efforts and mass care assistance on the island of Rota."

"We, along with our federal and military partners, will continue to monitor emergency support functions on all three islands with specific focus on the needs of our people on Rota," added Torres.

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collection from USPS mail boxes will resume.

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The CNMI Judiciary resumed operations on Saipan and Tinian yesterday, but the Rota Judicial Center will remain closed until further notice due to the limited infrastructure amenities and ongoing recovery efforts.

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The American Memorial Park is once again open. According to an advisory yesterday, it said that the park's Visitor Center is open every day from 9am to 5pm and park grounds and restrooms are open for the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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Bank of Guam said yesterday that its Rota branch will resume operations today, Sept. 13.

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All CNMI public schools resumed classes yesterday, with the exception of all Rota schools and the Rota Head Start Center.

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There was an emergency water service interruption in the San Vicente and Papago areas yesterday due to a leak on the 2-inch water mainline fronting IT&E's substation in Kagman.

As a result of the damaged waterline, water caould not be distributed to the Kagman booster station that supplies water to the Papago, San Vicente and Dandan water tanks.

Water operations personnel made the necessary repairs and expect to complete work by noon yesterday and water services were expected to be available by 6pm last night. However, water pressure was expected to be low. Customers should expect normal water pressure this morning at 6am.

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Karidat Social Services would like to inform the public that the national Disaster Distress Helpline for emotional support is available for residents experiencing distress or other mental health concerns triggered by Typhoon Mangkhut at 1-800-985-5990. More information and resources may also be found at http://1.usa.gov/1G1Q2VG .

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The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality-Coastal Resources Management continues to lead efforts in collecting green waste for the Saipan community to take advantage of between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm. If you or your family have debris to dispose of consisting of fallen trees and branches, you may do so at the As Gonno location. No lumber or household trash will be accepted. Call Merrill Ayuyu at 287-1487 or Jacob Lizama at 287-8535 for more information.

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues to work around the clock to ensure power and water are restored at the soonest time possible and that it is done so in a safe manner. Contact CUC's Trouble Desk at 664-4282 for more feeder information about your area.

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In Guam, the Guam Animals In Need, or GAIN, and the Humane Society International held a free clinic yesterday morning for animals injured by Typhoon Mangkhut.

Three visiting veterinarians from Humane Society International staffed the GAIN clinic, along with GAIN's team of veterinary technicians. People were urged to bring their animals to the GAIN animal shelter in Yigo.

The clinic was free, but GAIN welcomed donations (cat food, dog food, kitty and puppy food, kitty litter, dry erase markers, towels, and cleaning supplies).

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The University of Guam reopened yesterday. Classes and campus activities were held as scheduled. For activities that have been postponed, check with the event organizer. For further updates check www.uog.edu/updates or the official UOG Facebook and Twitter.

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Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam) wrote President Donald Trump yesterday to request that he approve a federal emergency declaration for Guam following Typhoon Mangkhut.

A federal emergency declaration would allow federal resources to be made available to assist Guam and local families and businesses with recovery efforts.

Bordallo requested that the President direct FEMA to authorize hazard mitigation, public assistance, and individual assistance for Guam.

"A federal emergency declaration would make federal resources available to assist our community with recovery efforts after Typhoon Mengkhut," said Bordallo in a statement "I appreciate FEMA's support in deploying personnel to help coordinate recovery efforts. I encourage the President to also approve for federal financial assistance to be made available so that our families and entire community can get back to normal as soon as possible."

It was not immediately learned if Gov. Eddie Calvo made a similar request for Guam. Trump has already approved the emergency declaration for the CNMI on Tuesday, soon after Mangkhut hit the Commonwealth. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Prison term pushed vs notary public who pleaded guilty to lying

The U.S. government recommends a six-month prison term against a notary public who pleaded guilty to lying in a U.S. passport application.

Assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto said this is the lowest end of the appropriate range of six to 12 months.

Benedetto also asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to impose a $10,000 fine on Liang Li.

He said Li initially gave information about other people engaged in criminal acts that "did lead to some useful information."

Benedetto said that Li's cooperation, however, was not substantial enough to warrant any additional consideration beyond the disposition contemplated by the plea agreement.

Benedetto added that Li's attempt to withdraw his guilty plea calls his credibility and usefulness as a witness into doubt.

Li, through counsel Janet H. King, had asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI that he be allowed to withdraw his guilty plea, alleging that he was pressured to do so.

Liang Li, 34, first came to the CNMI from China in 2004 at the age of 19. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2015. He and his parents own and operate a car rental business on Saipan.

King said that Li wants to proceed to a jury trial.

The indictment charged Li and Yanan Li with false statement in passport application and false document.

Liang Li signed a plea deal with the U.S. government and pleaded guilty last April 3. His previous counsel was Rene Holmes.

King said at the plea hearing last April 2, Li pleaded guilty out of fear of guaranteed jail time if he chose to go to trial.

According to the indictment, on Jan. 10, 2018, the defendants lied in an application for a U.S. passport for another person.

Liang Li allegedly made a false, notarized document purporting to bear the signature of Jian Liu.

Liang Li allegedly certified that he personally witnessed Jian Liu sign a DS-3053 Statement of Consent, and backdating it to Jan. 8, 2018.

The document was submitted to the U.S. Passport Office on Saipan.

Liang Li allegedly knew that Jian Liu had not signed the form on Jan. 8 or Jan. 10 as Liu had departed Saipan on Jan. 10. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

BOGO promo on elastomeric roof coat at YCO Hardware True Value

The Department of Public Works through the Energy Division, in coordination with YCO True Value on Beach Road, will be promoting elastomeric roof coating on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 8:30am to 12pm.

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Energy Division director Thelma Inos encourages everyone to make their home more energy-efficient with Energy Star products that can help to reduce high energy bills, improve comfort and help to protect the environment because, together, we can all make a difference.

For questions or information regarding this promotion, contact the division at 664-4480/4.

This project funding is made possible by a grant from the US Department of Energy, State Energy Program. ***(PR)***

CNMI TB rates 17 times higher

The tuberculosis rate in the CNMI is comparatively higher to the case rates in the U.S. mainland.

Dr. Phuong Luu, medical director for Public Health at the Commonwealth Health Center, noted that the CNMI's case rate for tuberculosis is about 70 cases per 100,000.

"…Compared to the U.S. mainland, that is 17 times higher [and] nine times the rate higher in Hawaii. …We are at par with Guam and much less than the Republic of Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia," she said in an interview at the start of the annual Pacific Islands TB Control Association conference yesterday at the Fiesta Resort and Spa's Hibiscus Hall.

Luu was representing the CNMI at the conference, which is the first time it is being hosted in the Marianas. Last year's conference was held in Hawaii.

Luu noted that the disease is a bacterial infection caused by the mycobacterium tuberculosis. The bacteria most often affects the lungs of an individual, and is a curable and preventable. If left untreated, however, tuberculosis is fatal.

"We've had really good drugs for the past 150 years after [a doctor] discovered that it was a bacteria," Luu said, adding that tuberculosis was previously believed to be obtained from colds and other airborne elements. "They didn't actually confirm that it was a bacterial infection until the early 1900s."

Compared to China, Vietnam, and the Philippines, the CNMI tuberculosis rate is miniscule, she said. The Philippines' case rate is about 500 cases per 100,000, according to Luu.

Experts from the World Health Organization, Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, Australian Respiratory Council, Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center, Heartland Tuberculosis Center, and Rutgers Global TB Center, among others, are attending the two-day conference, which ends today. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

All set for beer & BBQ festival

Five beer vendors have signed up for the 2nd Annual

Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival on Oct. 6, 2018, at Garapan Fishing Base.

Saipan Brewing Company, Marpac, I Love Saipan, Westco, and Franken Brau have all confirmed to participate in the event, which pairs Marianas brews with island-style barbecue and other appetizers and is an annual signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Slated to provide a variety of chasers for the events are Mystique Snack Bar, Ina's Kitchen, The Hut, and Salty's.

This year's festival will again include Taiwan's Fourplay Cuisine & Bar, which last year debuted exclusive themed beer cocktails: Saipan Blue, Tinian Red, and Rota Green. Fourplay bar leader Moriz Wu and attendant Sion Wu will be on hand to debut new signature beer cocktails.

The festival is scheduled from 5pm to 11pm and will feature a new 2018 signature beer glass that patrons can use throughout the event and keep as a souvenir. The event will be open to the public but only adults age 21 and older will be allowed to consume alcohol (21 is the legal drinking age in the Marianas). Live music and non-alcoholic drinks will also be a part of the evening. ***(MVA)***

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Mayor's office to focus on clearing Saipan villages

The Saipan Mayor 's Office will be concentrating on villages to do cleanup and clearing of fallen debris after Typhoon Mangkhut hit the island last Monday.

Apatang

In a chance interview with David M. Apatang on Tuesday, he said his office sits down and do assessment work with the Homeland Security and Emergency Management after every typhoon.

"We have to submit a report before we start cleaning up. Since Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced that we are clear of the typhoon, we went out and started picking up debris along the villages and around the island," he added.

The clearing of debris started in earnest on Tuesday afternoon. He said they primarily clear areas that are blocking access to people, "especially when people have to leave their house, let's say, for emergency or medical needs."

"We are going to start concentrating on the villages, we are going to scatter a team and go around picking up debris and leaves. Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the governor plan to set up a staging area like what we did before after Typhoon Soudelor. It's going to be in Kagman where we can put debris collected temporarily and later on we can dispose them at the landfill," he added

Apatang said that preparations for Typhoon Mangkhut were organized and followed procedures.

"In situations like this…the procedures are the same and implementation is key. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is here and they have been in Guam for the last few days. They saw that this typhoon is going to be a big one."

"We are fortunate that we didn't get hit like Rota where Typhoon Mangkhut went on top of Rota and landed on island. I have not spoken to the mayor of Rota, but I listened to him during our meeting up in the Emergency Center because we always get together up there in situations like this to plan and prepare,' he added.

The island of Saipan was largely spared from Typhoon Mangkhut's destructive strength as it heads to Taiwan. "We are grateful that we didn't get hit as what was projected. We don't have a lot of damage but we got some reports where some house roofs were blown away. A lot of trees are down but those we can take care and manage," Apatang said. ***(Bea Cabrera)***

NZ leader steals limelight at Pacific meeting

NAURU (AP)—Leaders in the Pacific met last week to forge new agreements on climate change and other pressing regional issues, but it was New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and her absent baby who stole the limelight.

While some people in New Zealand grumbled that Ardern had cost taxpayers thousands of dollars by scheduling an extra flight to the Pacific Islands Forum to minimize time away from her baby, Nauru's President Baron Waqa penned Ardern and 11-week-old Neve a tribute.

During a break in an all-day's leaders retreat last Wednesday, Waqa grabbed a guitar and along with a group of elders sang the song he titled "Aotearoa our friend, Jacinda our new star in the sky." The first word is the indigenous Maori name for New Zealand. The lyrics included the line: "A little baby star is born."

Ardern disputed whether her trip had cost taxpayers anything, saying the military had told her they had a fixed budget which they could use on extra trips like hers or training exercises.

"So I have been advised it cost the taxpayer no additional funding," she said.

Ardern added she would have been the first New Zealand leader in almost 50 years to miss the forum, aside from those who had been campaigning during an election cycle.

"I was damned if I did and damned if I didn't," she said, adding "At the end of the day, I am Prime Minister. I have a job to do."

Barry Soper, who writes a column for the New Zealand Herald newspaper, questioned whether the trip was necessary: "If Ardern decided not to go because of baby Neve, surely the family-focused Pacific leaders, more than any others, would have understood."

Ardern, 38, in June became just the second elected world leader in modern times to give birth while holding office, after Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto gave birth to daughter Bakhtawar in 1990.

The leaders at the forum were signing a new security agreement called the Boe Declaration that identifies climate change as a major threat to security in the Pacific, since low-lying islands might cease to exist if sea levels keep rising.

The declaration also addresses crimes such as drug smuggling and illegal fishing that cross borders, as well as cybercrime and health concerns such as communicable diseases and pandemics. The agreement was the centerpiece of the three-day meeting.

Earlier Wednesday, Pacific fishing and community groups signed an agreement with the European Union to improve sustainable fishing and ocean governance in the region.

Under the Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership, the EU will provide 35 million euros ($41 million) and Sweden will provide 10 million euros ($12 million) over five years. The program will provide direct assistance to regional organizations.

Tensions over China and refugees ran high at the forum after Nauru on Tuesday accused a Chinese official of bullying and temporarily detained a New Zealand journalist who had been interviewing a refugee.

Nauru is home to more than 600 refugees who had tried to reach Australia by boat. The island's economy relies on the money Australia spends on keeping the refugees there.

Australia designed the policy of keeping boat refugees and asylum seekers far from its shores to deter more of them from trying to make the voyage, but many critics say the policy violates human rights.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW18-IFB-024

ROUTE 10 HAZARD ELIMINATION PROJECT, ROTA

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Route 10 Hazard Elimination Project, Rota** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after September 11, 2018 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **September 28, 2018, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **October 9, 2018** to **Ms. Crystal C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Ms. Crystal C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening**.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-18-IFB-024". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time October 12, 2018**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, October 12, 2018,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 12, 2018** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **October 23, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **9:00 a.m. local time, October 26, 2018**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **9:00 a.m. local time, on October 12, 2018**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

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2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Seventy (270) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Project, FP-03.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB18-OGM-130 (A-B)
ADDENDUM NO. 1

"PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 45 HP TRACTOR (A) AND FIVE (5) ATTACHMENTS/IMPLEMNTS (B) FOR THE OFFICE OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT"

Due to the anticipated threat of Typhoon Mangkhut, Governor Ralph DLG Torres had declared Typhoon Condition 1 and had shut down all government offices on September 10, 2018 and September 11, 2018. Therefore, this Addendum is issued to schedule the new submission and opening dates for on-island bidders and off-island bidders.

➢ Sealed bid submittals for this project must be submitted with **one (1) original and three (3) copies** to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan no later than 09:00 a.m., local time, September 10, 2018 **is changed to read no later than 09:30 a.m., local time, September 17, 2018** and must be marked **ITB18-OGM-130 (A-B).**

➢ Bidders outside the Commonwealth must notify the Director of Procurement and Supply, in writing, of their intent to submit a Notice of Intent to Bid in order to receive this additional seven (7) working days for the receipt of the actual bid documents. This Notice of Intent to Bid may be any mode of written communication including facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or e-mailed to procurement@cnmidof.net but must be received no later than 09:00 a.m., local time, September 10, 2018 **is changed to read 09:30 a.m., local time, September 17, 2018**.

➢ Bids submitted by firms outside the Commonwealth must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country by September 10, 2018 **is changed to read September 17, 2018** and mailed to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply to P.O. Box 510008, C.K., Saipan, MP 96950 and the bid documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, September 18, 2018 **is changed to read September 26, 2018**.

➢ Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 09:00 a.m., local time, September 20, 2018 **is changed to read 09:30 a.m., local time, September 28, 2018**. However, if no Notice of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 09:00 a.m., local time, September 10, 2018 **is changed to read 09:30 September 17, 2018**.

The provisions of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725 and 70-30.3-730 prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks, and Contingent Fees shall apply.

The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids or portions thereof, and waive any immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI government.

/s/ EPIPHANIO E. CABRERA, JR.
Administrator, Office of Grants

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement and Supply

US military assists NMI with recovery efforts

Marines and sailors of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and Sailors with the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp take off aboard an MV-22B Osprey to conduct surveys on the islands of Guam and Saipan as part of the Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team, off the coast of Guam, Sep. 9, 2018.

LANCE CPL. ALEXIS B. BETANCES

The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team prepares to depart for Rota on a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262 (Rein.), Sept. 11, 2018.

CAPT GEORGE MCARTHUR

PACIFIC OCEAN—The Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group, with embarked 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, assisted the Federal Emergency Management Agency and local civilian authorities with initial assessment operations in the CNMI on Sept 11 following Typhoon Mangkhut.

The Department of Defense stood up a defense coordination office and is working with the CNMI Joint Information Center to monitor, assess and plan for possible requests.

Commander, Task Force 76 is supporting Defense Support to Civil Authorities efforts on Rota, Tinian and Saipan.

Navy and Marine Corps aircraft began aerial surveys of the islands of Rota, Saipan, and Tinian, while ESG leadership met with local leaders and FEMA officials to assess relief priorities.

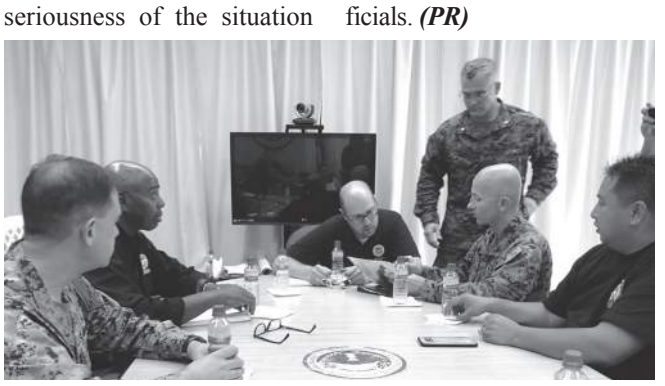
Rear Adm. Brad Cooper, commander of the Amphibious Force, U.S. 7th Fleet—who was joined by Col. Robert Brodie, commanding officer of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and Capt. Jim McGovern, commander of the Amphibious Squadron 11—said the ESG is here to provide support to local relief efforts.

"The presidential emergency declaration reflects the seriousness of the situation on the ground in CNMI," said Cooper. "We are pleased that our Navy-Marine Corps Team is positioned to support FEMA in this important DSCA operation to help the people of CNMI."

In order to move equipment and personnel to the islands, the ESG team conducted surveys of potential landing sites on all three islands. Aerial surveys were conducted by MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopters assigned to the "Island Knights" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 and MV-22 Ospreys assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262. Ground surveys were conducted by sailors from Naval Beach Unit 7, who were flown ashore to assess damage caused by the typhoon.

"Our priority was to find suitable locations clear of debris, large enough to land our LCUs [landing craft, utility] and LCACs [landing craft, air cushion], that were safe for personnel to conduct operations," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Louis Peters, officer in charge of NBU 7.

Defense Support of Civil authorities is the process by which the Department of Defense provides support to FEMA, working with Guam and CNMI's civil and local officials. ***(PR)***



Navy Rear Adm. Brad Cooper, left, Marine Corps Col. Robert "Bams" Brodie, and Lt. Col. Christopher Johnson, standing, discuss defense support of civil authorities with Gov. Ralph Torres and representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency during a meeting at the local government office, Sept. 11, 2018. Cooper is the Combined Task Force 76 commander, Brodie is the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit commanding officer, and Johnson is the Combat Logistics Battalion 31 commanding officer.

CAPT. GEORGE MCARTHUR

AMENDMENT NO. 4

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 13, 2018, 5:00 PM

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-purpose Center, Susupe
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A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 06/04/2018 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings:

1. Conditional Use Application #2018-1979: Ya Myoung Corporation is proposing to relocate and occupy Room No. 1-1 on the ground floor of an existing building to manufacture and process Noni juice. This use is classified as "Manufacturing & Processing" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 1826-2 in Chalan LauLau. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

2. Conditional Use Application #2018-1998: RJCL Corporation dba RNV Construction is proposing to renovate and occupy three (3) existing one-storey structures with a total of 25 beds for staff housing. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. EA 109 NEW-1 in Chalan Kiya. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

3. Conditional Use Application #2018-2248: Eunice SPN Corporation is proposing to occupy 2 existing one-storey structures with a total of 5 units to operate a Bed & Breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 399-3-1-R1 in As Lito. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

4. Conditional Use Application #2018-2259: Yumiko Corporation is proposing to occupy Unit No. GF-1 of the American Tour Inn building to operate a Copy Center, Small Print, and Sign Shop. This project is classified as "Copy Center, Small Print, and Sign Shop" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. H 314-2-R1 in As Lito. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

5. Conditional Use Application #2018-2711: UMDA Wholesale/Retail Inc. dba Island Apparel is proposing to relocate its business from Puerto Rico to Koblerville and occupy an existing one-storey building for manufacturing and processing of apparels. This project is classified as "Manufacturing & Processing" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 023 I 02 in Koblerville. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

6. Conditional Use Application #2018-2834: American Sinopan, LLC dba Capitol Hill Residence is proposing to amend its Conditional Use Permit No. 2017- 2409 (Heaven II Resort) to include the construction of 12 residential villas and a clubhouse as part of their Phase II Heaven II project. This use is classified as "Planned Development/Hotel" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on TR22667-2-R1, TR22667-5, and TR22667-R5 in Capitol Hill. This area is zoned as Rural.

C. Communication

D. Old Business:
1. Update on proposed amendments to the Zoning Law

E. New Business
1. Review/Update on Sin Ho Nam Litigation
2. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

Typhoon Mangkhut

A felled tree blocks the road near the Oleai San Jose area as Saipan Mayor's Office employees clear the road.

ERWIN ENCINARES

Chris Macana fixes the tin roof of an outdoor garage that collapsed in Koblerville.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Former teacher Pedro C. Sablan and his neighbor cut a fallen *tangan-tangan* tree that was blocking the Tinaktak Drive in Koblerville yesterday.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A parked car on Rota is not spared the wrath of Typhoon Mangkhut.

KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

A man looks out at the shambles left behind by Typhoon Mangkhut on Rota.

KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

Owners of this house on Rota have a lot of clearing to do in the wake of Typhoon Mangkhut .

Typhoon Mangkhut wreaks havoc on the roofs of many homes on Rota.

Fallen power poles are sprawled across the roads of Rota. KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

Linemen of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. begin restoring power on Rota soon after Typhoon Mangkhut hit the island. KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

Typhoon Mangkhut wreaks havoc on the roofs of many homes on Rota.

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Across the country, there are dozens of memorials that recall the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the day when nearly 3,000 Americans were killed by terrorists who hijacked four commercial jets, crashing them into the World Trade Center towers in New York, the Pentagon and a rural Pennsylvania field.

It has been 17 years since that brutal day. Looking back at 9/11 from the perspective of 2018 is equivalent to recalling the end of World War II from the early days of the Space Race or perhaps the John F. Kennedy assassination. It seems both recent and far, far away. Perhaps the most telling measure, at least politically, is this: In the next presidential election, some young voters will go to the polls who were not born until after that day's infamous events. They have never known a time when al-Qaida or Osama Bin Laden were not firmly in the public consciousness.

Yet it is important on this 21st century "Day of Infamy" to recall both what happened then and what hasn't happened since. To put it simply, mistakes were made. U.S. intelligence failed to pick up on warning signs of a possible attack. Lax airport security allowed terrorists to bring weapons aboard four planes. For a time afterward, though, we reacted with sadness but also unity, clarity and resolve. Then-President George W. Bush invaded Afghanistan where al-Qaida flourished under Taliban extremism. NATO and many other allies joined in. The United States response was straightforward—bring justice to those who perpetrated this crime. And even President Bush emphasized that Islam was not the enemy, those with a warped view of Allah and the faith were to blame.

"The enemy of America is not our many Muslim friends. It is not our many Arab friends," Mr. Bush said nine days after the attack. "Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists and every government that supports them."

Yet America soon veered from that clear course with an invasion of Iraq falsely justified on the grounds that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. Most of our allies turned aside. Hundreds of thousands were killed. The financial toll to the U.S. was massive, measuring in the trillions of dollars. Meanwhile, the U.S. proved unable to move Afghanistan toward a functioning independent state; and extremism, instead of proving weak and on the run, changed banners and locations. If anything, the Middle East became less stable as a Syrian civil war escalated and a humanitarian crisis spread to Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey.

The U.S. can take some comfort that there hasn't been a massive terrorist assault on U.S. soil since 9/11. Yet there have been dozens of smaller-scale incidents of terrorism here. The violence is most commonly not related to radical Islam, but there have been other incidents that were—including the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013 and the Pulse nightclub shooting in 2016.

Shaking a fist at extremists, denouncing terrorism, investing in costly military weaponry, calling for tighter immigration policies (never mind that post-9/11 attacks are most commonly perpetrated by legal residents of this country who were radicalized here and not abroad), these have become the mantra of U.S. politicians. Diplomacy, humanitarian aid, help for refugees and dealing with the underlying problems that cause terrorist groups to prosper? That seems to have been

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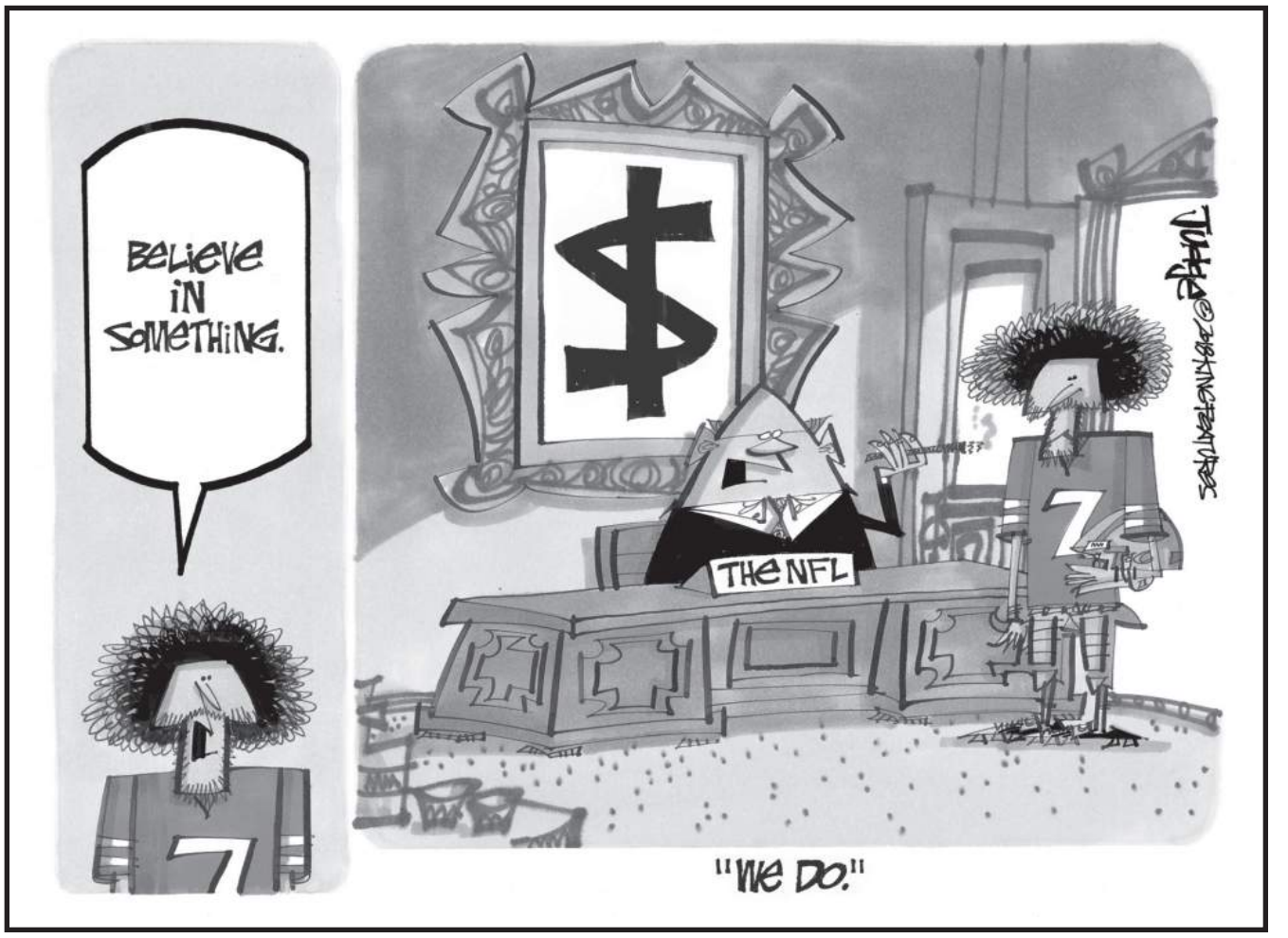

Don't let the Nike swoosh bury Colin Kaepernick's message

By DAVE ZIRIN
Los Angeles Times

Dave Zirin is sports editor of the Nation. *His latest book, with Michael Bennett, is* Things That Make White People Uncomfortable.

Colin Kaepernick's status as a global cultural icon of resistance has never seemed more secure. After two years of being seen as a symbol of radical dissent, and after one season of being shut out of the National Football League for daring to use the national anthem as a vehicle to protest police violence and racial inequity, he has reemerged this week with an explosive impact, as the face—and voice—of the 30th anniversary of Nike's "Just Do It" campaign.

There are black-and-white billboards that show his face and the simple slogan, "Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything" up in Times Square and San Francisco's Union Square. A slickly produced TV ad uses the quarterback's voice, speaking over a series of inspirational images of athletic achievement, ending with him saying the same phrase.

A video of the ad went viral as soon as it dropped last week, producing an incalculable amount of free advertising for Nike and proving that in our social media landscape, the opposite of love is not hate but indifference.

Every post of someone rejoicing over the campaign, saying they would buy more Nike gear to show their support, or burning their sneakers because they don't like Kaepernick, only further cements his in-your-face legend and implants in people's minds the ubiquitous swoosh. Nike took its support for rebellion a step further by buying airtime to debut the commercial during the NFL's Thursday night opening game, in the forum that is expressly trying to put Kaepernick and flag controversies behind it.

The campaign is genius when it comes to commerce, but commodifying rebellion contains pitfalls about which Kaepernick and his legions of admirers should be aware.

The corporation projecting Kaepernick's voice, after his studious avoidance of interviews and sound bites, has a decades-long record of taking rebel athletes, marketing their appeal, but stripping their rebellion of all content.

In the 1980s, Nike took a young filmmaker named Spike Lee and used his filmmaking prowess to project Michael Jordan's new line of Air Jordan sneakers. Nike told us that John McEnroe was a Rebel With a Cause, without ever telling us exactly what that cause happened to be. Nike gave us Tiger Woods as some kind of political trailblazer, even though the actual Tiger Woods wanted no part of the political responsibility that came with his politicized brand.

When you watch Kaepernick's Nike commercial, hear his voice and words, it is bracing. He has said so little recently, beyond the occasional tweet, even as President Trump and his minions used the Kaepernick protest—NFL players kneeling when "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung on game days—as a punching bag. While others appeared on CNN and the Sunday news shows to defend the right to protest, he remained silent, content to pursue a lawsuit against the NFL for collusion.

But now we are hearing him through Nike's corporate messaging, expressing words someone wrote—was it Kaepernick?—about believing in yourself, pursuing a passion. That's a beautiful message but not altogether different from what any athlete might say. There is nothing in the ad about police violence or systemic racism or any of the issues that animated Kaepernick's actions in the first place.

Nike is appealing to a restive, even radical youth market far more likely to see athletes like LeBron James, Serena Williams and Kaepernick as heroes than villains. Nike calculates that it doesn't need older football fans who think Kaepernick is un-American. It knows it can profit on its stars' role in the zeitgeist, their edginess. But there is a pernicious motive behind the radical chic.

For decades, Nike has been criticized for corporate behavior that couldn't be more at odds with its idealist, rebellious messaging. It's not a company sacrificing for good. A U.S. organization, United Students Against Sweatshops, has been a constant thorn in its side because of its labor practices in China and Southeast Asia. USAS tours workers from Nike factories on college campuses and organizes athletes to demand an end to sweatshops or their schools will break ties with the shoe behemoth.

Women who worked at Nike have described an internal sexist atmosphere that was "toxic." In April, the New York Times published an expose and high-profile executives exited.

Nike founder Phil Knight underwrites candidates from the very Republican Party that has been demonizing Colin Kaepernick.

In addition to delivering a stirring message, Nike is using the man and the voice, his charitable giving and admirable works as a fig leaf for its own malfeasance.

None of this is to criticize Kaepernick for taking Nike's money. He has every right to earn a living, especially since the NFL, whether it's collusion or not, hasn't allowed him to pursue his craft.

Nike's co-opting of Kaepernick's "resistance" may broaden its appeal, but his testimony shouldn't get lost in a sea of commerce. Otherwise, the message will get strangled by the same swoosh that's bringing Kaepernick's voice back to life.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Community comes together in MLSC project

Micronesian Legal Services Corp.'s 2018 Back-to-School Project distributed 216 backpacks with school supplies to children in the CNMI, and gave out remaining additional supplies to some teachers for use with their students. The project reached all three major islands in the CNMI: Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

This year's success, which tops all prior years, was made possible by the generous donations from the community and supporters of the project. The project received both monetary donations and in-kind donations.

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Thanks to the generous donations to MLSC's 2018 Back-to-School Project, there were 216 happy children, now ready and a little more prepared for their school year. Each backpack with supplies was a success for a child, and a building block for their future successes this year.

Micronesian Legal Services Corp.

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discarded. Gone is a president describing Islamic teachings as "good and peaceful," as President Bush was able to do in the shadow of 9/11. Instead, we are given the bellicose rhetoric using a half-remembered attack to stoke fear of foreigners.

"The attacks were carried out by foreign nationals who exploited our lax immigration laws and defrauded our immigration system in order to murder nearly 3,000 innocent people," President Donald Trump said in a July radio address justifying aggressive actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Never mind attackers like the Pulse shooter, Omar Mateen, who killed 49 and wounded 53 and was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Yes, Americans are still angry, the nation is still hurt, but we seem unwilling to see events with clarity, to distinguish between Iraq and Afghanistan, or Sunni versus Shiite, or friend and foe. The question to ask is not how 9/11 shaped the U.S. and its foreign policy, the question is how is the nation continuing to shape its understanding of 9/11?

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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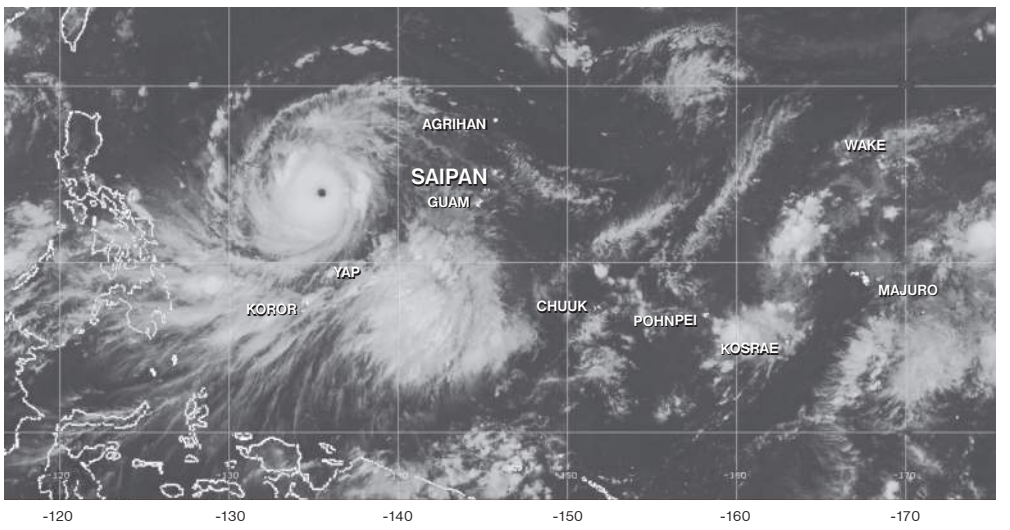

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Weather in the Marianas is gradually settling down in the wake of Typhoon Mangkhut. Thankfully it did not have its burst of rapid intensification until it was past the Marinaas. The Marianas will have a hard enough time dealing with the aftermath as it is. Southeast flow will promote isolated showers that will have access to copious moisture, therefore they will dump a fair amount of rain. The sounding shows this with a 2.12 inch value of precipitable water. The main forecast problems this shift were when the skies might go from mostly cloudy to partly cloudy and surf. Previous shift delayed the clearing of the skies, and latest guidance supported that, so went with the inherited grids on that one. Surf looks like it could keep rolling in for some time to come. And with a super typhoon out there to generate the swell, it might not stop anytime soon. Therefore, extended the high surf advisory into Saturday. Even when the super typhoon cannot send swell at us anymore, swell it sent earlier will still be travelling toward us.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 81°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	88° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	88° / 77°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	61° / 52°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	82° / 66°
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	90° / 81°
Honolulu	Showers	86° / 77°
London	Mostly Sunny	68° / 48°
Los Angeles	Sunny	81° / 64°
Manila	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	72° / 50°
Miami	Thunderstorm	87° / 81°
New York	Mostly Cloudy	80° / 71°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	84° / 72°
Paris	Cloudy	72° / 52°
Busan	Rain	77° / 73°
Rome	Cloudy	86° / 66°
Salem	Thunderstorm	93° / 72°
San Francisco	Sunny	60° / 51°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	81° / 63°
Tokyo	Rain	82° / 68°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorm	84° / 74°

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

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4:11 AM	LOW TIDE	0.26
10:06 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.90
4:27 PM	LOW TIDE	0.48
10:10 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.90

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:05 AM	6:20 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:19 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:18 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:18 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:17 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	9:07 AM	9:11 PM	-
Friday	10:01 AM	9:55 PM	-
Saturday	10:54 AM	10:40 PM	-
Sunday	11:47 AM	11:26 PM	-
Monday	12:38 PM	-	-

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
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PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

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How did you prepare for Typhoon Mangkhut?

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

"We didn't do anything different. We grew up with typhoons so we already knew what to prepare. We boarded up the house, but we did not have to put up a lot of boards since our house has typhoon-proof [windows]. We basically just stocked up on batteries, butane, non-perishable food items, and water, lots of water. The Governor's Office and all of the stakeholders, including the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Works, etc., were more prepared, so there was more coordination. The communication was very good and was professionally done, so the people knew what to expect and I commend everybody for doing a great job."

—Rep. Donald Barcinas (R-Saipan)

"I did the groceries first. We bought some batteries, candles, and lighters. We then bought butane, water, and gasoline for our car. On the day of the typhoon, we saved a lot of water in preparation for possible water and power outages. We started preparing since Sunday. This morning, we still await for our water connection, but we still have some water saved from Monday."

—Renie Rose Danganan

"I was able to prepare on Sunday. I bought some food to last me for about two days. There was a lot of panic buying going on last Sunday. I also bought some candles and water, since we have previously experienced outages during 2015's Typhoon Soudelor. I also stocked up on gasoline."

—James Mandaing

"I just boarded up the windows, cleared loose debris and loose objects, and that was pretty much it. We knew that most of the winds were coming from the east. I kept up with the weather [reports]. I tracked on my phone where the typhoon is going, where it is exactly, what winds we might be getting. I also cleaned up the place in terms of branches, just in case some of them land near the house, and gas up some of the cars. Pretty much the essentials that we learned from 2015—just preparing with that mindset."

—June Nunez

"I boarded up the windows and secured our belongings. We have this outside kitchen, so we moved everything inside the house because we have another kitchen. We also prepared our generator, so we went and got gas, food, water, and batteries too. We already learned from Soudelor because we didn't think it would hit [us] that bad. Now, even if we don't think it would hit us bad, we are still prepared to at least be somewhere safe. We are taking all typhoons seriously now. Before, we just stayed home and let [the typhoon] pass. When Soudelor came, it changed everything."

—Del Olaitiman

"We wrapped all of our belongings at home because during Soudelor, our roof was blown off and everything got wet. Now, I am more aware of what can possibly happen. We evacuated the house actually, to stay in a hotel. We couldn't go to the Koblerville Elementary School because it was already full, so we went to a hotel. Unfortunately, the hotel did not have a generator as well. At the time of the strong winds at noon yesterday, I had a room reserved for us at the hotel. We bought food and water and other necessities, but I really panicked when the store near us ran out of butane gas for the stove. We were able to get gas, but had to go to another store for it."

—Rufe Malonzo

"I prioritized securing my sliding door because it was glass. I was thinking if the winds are strong and it breaks the back door, then all of my appliances in the back would be water damaged. First, I moved all my stuff from the glass door. My apartment staff provided us tenants with boards to protect our doors. The back door was destroyed during Soudelor back in 2015. I started shopping for emergency groceries at 7pm Sunday while monitoring the weather situation of the Marianas. I bought groceries to last me about 2-3 days. I also had some few last-minute purchases Monday morning."

—Ezeth Buenaventura

"The first thing I did was gas up my car. I then bought some more to fill up my 2.5-gallon gas container for my generator. I bought food for my children, which is first priority before buying water. I used all of the window shutters of my home to make sure everything is safe. Compared to Soudelor, Mangkhut was not as strong, but to those on Rota, I am just very thankful that the same situation did not apply to Saipan."

—Russ Collada

"I boarded up my bedroom window because during Soudelor some debris went through it. Thankfully, I was not in my bedroom that time. We collected water for both drinking and showering, and moved all of my mom's plants inside the house so they don't get destroyed. We were expecting the power outage, and got our power cut off at 1:30pm. Our power was restored at 3:40am. We charged up all of our power banks and prepared batteries for our flashlights, along with some candles, just in case. We knew what to do, compared to Soudelor, and we handled this typhoon well."

—Angelie Galvez

Saipan Mayor's Office notes eight fallen trees

The Saipan Mayor's Office logged fallen tree removal requests throughout the island during their recovery efforts Tuesday after the passage of Typhoon Mangkhut.

According to Joann Aquino, mayor's office director of field operations, there were about eight such requests. Although she was unable to provide *Saipan Tribune* with the exact number of responses to requests, she said the mayor's office command post was activated starting 7:30am Monday.

"There are more fallen trees, but [we] will do that tomorrow [today]," she told *Saipan Tribune* in a message.

A total of 12 crews working 12- to 14-hour shifts were used in the wake of Typhoon Magkhut, while each crew consists of three to four members, totaling at least 36 people working throughout the typhoon.

"Twelve crews worked at the command post [Monday], including Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang for 12 to 14 hours for the first shift. I worked at the Emergency Operations Center [on Monday]," she told *Saipan Tribune.*

Aquino further noted the in the course of Typhoon Mangkhut on Monday, which made landfall in the Marianas at 6pm, the mayor's office received four calls and responded to them during the typhoon's onslaught. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

ADDENDUM NO.1
ITB18-DCCA/HPO-140

"PURCHASE OF A 90-HP BOAT ENGINE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE"

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/S/ ROBERT H. HUNTER
SECRETARY OF DCCA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR OF P&S

September 12, 2018
End of Addendum No.1

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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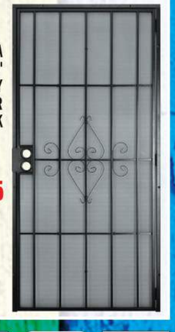

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Zinke concludes Pacific trip

Lt. Gen. Bryan P. Fenton, deputy commander, Indo-Pacific Command; first lady Cynthia Malala Moliga; U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke; and American Samoa Gov. Lolo Moliga.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke has wrapped up his trip to the Pacific Islands where he began in Nauru as head of the U.S. delegation to the Pacific Islands Forum and concluded with stops in Guam, the CNMI, American Samoa, and Hawaii before returning back to Washington.

While in American Samoa, the traditional leaders bestowed upon him the chiefly title of *Fofoga o Samoa*, which translates as Voice for Samoa.

"It is with great honor that I accept this title bestowed by the people of American Samoa," said Zinke. "It is highly symbolic and appropriate given my responsibilities for fellow Americans in the U.S. territories. This trip to the Pacific has been about the United States' commitment to the security and prosperity—not only of our friends and neighboring Pacific Islands, but also of our U.S. territories in the Pacific. A secure and stable Pacific relies on the strength and security of the U.S. Pacific Islands of Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa. I am humbled by my role as a voice not only for Americans in American Samoa, but in all our territories."

At the beginning of the trip, on Sept. 4, 2018, Zinke led a high-level U.S. government delegation—composed of senior officials from the White House, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Agency for International Development—to the 30th PIF Leaders Session with Forum Dialogue Partners in Nauru.

Zinke also led bilateral meetings with President Peter M. Christian of the Federated States of Micronesia, President Hilda Heine of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau Minister of State Faustina Rehuher-Marugg, and Nauru President Baron Waqa.

The FSM, RMI, and Palau have unique and special partnerships with the United States under the Compacts of Free Association, under which funding is administered through the Department of the Interior.

The U.S. delegation also met with New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters and representatives from other Dialogue Partner countries such as the United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, and France.

Leaving the PIF, Zinke traveled to Port Moresby, where he met with Prime Minister Peter O'Neill and other high-level officials to highlight the importance of the U.S.-Papua New Guinea relationship and continued engagement and support for development, defense, and conservation efforts. He also visited the three U.S. territories in the Pacific: Guam, the CNMI, and American Samoa, where he met with Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo, CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, American Samoa Gov. Lolo Moliga, and other government, business, and traditional leaders in each of the territories.

Interior has been the steward of relationships with each of the U.S. territories since they joined the American family—some over a century ago.

Zinke also visited the national parks in each of the territories, highlighting Interior's role in the protection and conservation of resources.

In Guam, Zinke joined Calvo and other members of his administration for a meeting with the Guam Chamber of Commerce to discuss challenges specific to Guam related to economic development and Compact Impact.

Zinke and his delegation also met with Rear Adm. Shoshanna Chatfield and other high-level Department of Defense Officials in Guam.

They closed out their visit in Guam with a tour of the Museum of Guam where they also met with National Park Service superintendent Barbara Alberti and other employees of NPS, the Fish & Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Bilateral discussions with Palau Minister of State Faustina Rehuher-Marugg.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and Gov. Lolo Moliga pose with National Park Service employees and Firefighter Squad 61 in American Samoa.

The U.S. Delegation in Nauru at the 49th Pacific Islands Forum where U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke represented the U.S. at the 30th Leaders Session with Forum Dialogue Partners.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and a U.S. delegation arrive on Saipan in time to enjoy the sunset with CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and CNMI legislators.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres lay a wreath at the Court of Honor of the American Memorial Park in the CNMI.

On Saipan, Zinke was met by Torres and members of the CNMI Legislature where they enjoyed a beautiful CNMI sunset before discussing important matters related to workers and the CNMI economy. Zinke and Torres laid a wreath at both the Court of Honor and the American Memorial Park, met with National Park Service employees, stopped at Banzai Cliff, and enjoyed scenic views of Bird Island.

In American Samoa, Zinke visited the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, the StarKist tuna cannery, and the Veterans Clinic. He also met up with the American Samoa National Park Service Squad 61 Firefighters who recently returned from a tour in California fighting fires—where they were also appreciated for their singing skills. It was here during the penultimate stop on Zinke's Pacific Islands tour that High Chiefs Mauga and Mida bestowed upon him the title of *Fofoga o Samoa.*

Zinke closed out his trip to the Pacific with a stop in Hawaii at the Indo-Pacific Command, underscoring the fact that the Pacific Islands are key to the President's vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific. The United States is engaged and committed to advancing a regional order based on respect for sovereignty, the rule of law, and the principles of free, fair, and reciprocal trade. ***(PR)***

American Samoa High Chief Mauga and High Chief Mida lay hands on U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, anointing him with coconut water, to bestow the chiefly title *Fofoga o Samoa* at the traditional *fale* in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and his delegation arrive in Guam where they are welcomed by Rear Admiral Shoshana Chatfield, commander, Joint Region Marianas, and other high-level Department of Defense officials.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke; Republic of the Marshall Islands President Hilda Heine; and Matt Mathews, deputy assistant secretary, State Department Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke meet in Guam.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and Federated States of Micronesia President Peter M. Christian exchange gifts.

Business

China puts off licenses for US companies amid tariff battle

BEIJING (AP)—Amid a worsening tariff battle, China is putting off accepting license applications from American companies in financial services and other industries until Washington makes progress toward a settlement, a business group says.

The disclosure Tuesday is the first public confirmation of U.S. companies' fears that their operations in China or access to its markets might be disrupted by the battle over Beijing's technology policy. China is running out of American imports for penalties in response to President Donald Trump's tariff hikes, which has prompted worries regulators might target operations of U.S. companies.

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HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—A top Chinese official and leaders of several Southeast Asian countries have taken aim at U.S. moves to protect American businesses, saying opening markets further is the only option for future growth.

Speaking Wednesday at a World Economic Forum meeting in Hanoi, Chinese Vice Premier Hu Chunhua said China would work with its neighbors to counter protectionism.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo drew laughs by likening trade wars to "infinity wars" in a reference to this year's movie based on Marvel's comics. Singapore's prime minister, Lee Hsien Loong, said the Southeast Asian region would work to keep markets and investment open and protect the "rules based" trading system.

Widodo did not mention President Donald Trump by name. But he drew hearty laughs when he mentioned the "Infinity War" villain, Thanos.

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AP

Bottles of Cherry Coca-Cola with portraits of Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett are stacked near a dispatch rider's bike in Beijing, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018.

The license delay applies to industries Beijing has promised to open to foreign competitors, according to Jacob Parker, vice president for China operations of the U.S.-China Business Council. The group represents some 200 American companies that do business with China.

In meetings over the past three weeks, Cabinet-level officials told USCBC representatives they are putting off accepting applications "until the trajectory of the U.S.-China relationship improves and stabilizes," Parker said.

Chinese authorities have promised to increase foreign access to areas including banking, securities, insurance and asset management.

"There seem to be domestic political pressures that are working against the perception of U.S. companies receiving benefits" during the dispute, Parker said.

As for what improvement might entail, Parker said Chinese officials want an end to Trump's tariff hikes and a negotiated settlement. He declined to identify the officials but, in a sign Beijing wants foreign companies to help lobby Washington, said the meetings represented "unprecedented access" for his group.

Beijing matched Trump's earlier tariff increase on $50 billion of imports but is running out of American goods for retaliation due to their lopsided trade balance. China bought American goods worth about $1 for every $3 of goods it exported to the United States.

Trump is poised to decide whether to raise duties on $200 billion of Chinese goods. Beijing has issued a $60 billion list of goods for retaliation.

A foreign ministry spokesman, Geng Shuang, said Monday that China will "definitely take countermeasures" if the tariff hike goes ahead.

Economists have warned Beijing might target service industries such as engineering or logistics, in which the United States runs a trade surplus with China.

Chinese commentators have suggested Beijing might use its multitrillion-dollar holdings of U.S. government debt as a weapon, though that would impose costs on China. State-controlled media have encouraged boycotts of Japanese and South Korean products in past disputes with those governments.

The government said in June it would impose unspecified "comprehensive measures" if necessary. That left U.S. companies on edge about whether Beijing will use its heavily regulated economy to disrupt their operations by withholding licenses or launching tax, anti-monopoly or other investigations.

As job openings reach unprecedented levels, so does quitting

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. employers advertised the most jobs on record in July, and the number of workers quitting their jobs also hit a new all-time high.

Americans are increasingly taking advantage of a tight labor market to find new, often higher-paying jobs. That could help push up wages broadly across the economy.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that the number of job openings rose 1.7 percent to 6.9 million, the most on record dating back to late 2000. The number of people quitting jumped 3 percent to 3.58 million, also a record. Quits are typically a good sign that jobs are plentiful, because people usually quit when they have another job or are confident they can find one.

With the unemployment rate at 3.9 percent, near an 18-year low, businesses are increasingly desperate to find workers. Even as the number of available jobs rose, overall hiring in July was essentially flat, with about 5.7 million people finding jobs, the report showed.

The data are from the government's Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, or JOLTS, which tracks total job openings, quits and hiring.

The JOLTS report comes after the government said on Friday that employers added a healthy 201,000 jobs in August. That figure represents the net total of jobs added, while the JOLTS data reports overall hires without subtracting quits, layoffs and resignations.

The jump in job openings in July suggests solid hiring will continue in the coming months.

Private sector surveys also point to solid gains. ManpowerGroup's employment outlook survey, released Tuesday, found that employers in all 13 large industries that it tracks plan to add workers in the final three months of the year. The staffing company's survey also found that hiring should pick up in all four regions.

The company's hiring index in the South reached a 10-year high, ManpowerGroup said.

With the economy growing at a healthy clip and consumers spending freely, employers are optimistic about future demand and want to hire more. That appears to be finally pushing some employers to pay more, pushing up wages.

According to Friday's jobs report, average hourly pay rose 2.9 percent in August compared with a year earlier. That was the best annual gain since June 2009, when the Great Recession ended.

A more dynamic job market, with more people quitting and finding new work, can help fuel better wage gains. Workers who switch jobs are getting raises roughly one-third larger than those who remain at their jobs, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

US judge strikes down California ban on handgun ads

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A U.S. judge on Tuesday struck down a nearly century-old California law that banned handgun ads at gun shops, saying the state failed to show it would prevent suicides or crime.

The 1923 law banned any handgun ads at gun shops that were visible from outside the store. State officials argued the ads would spur impulsive people to buy a handgun, and impulsive people are more prone to suicide and crime.

The law, however, did not restrict ads for other firearms.

Judge Troy Nunley in Sacramento noted in his ruling that gun shops could display a large neon sign reading, "GUNS GUNS GUNS" or a 15-foot depiction of a sporting rifle. The judge said they could also place ads for handguns elsewhere such as on a billboard blocks away.

"The Government may not restrict speech that persuades adults, who are neither criminals nor suffer from mental illness, from purchasing a legal and constitutionally protected product, merely because it distrusts their personality trait and the decisions that personality trait may lead them to make later down the road," Nunley said.

California has other laws that could prevent handgun violence without restricting speech in violation of the First Amendment, the judge said.

The ruling came in a lawsuit filed in 2014 by several gun dealers who were fined by the state for handgun ads.

"If you are someone who is providing a constitutionally protected product or service, you should be able to communicate that to people in the same way a bookseller should be able to advertise they sell Bibles and Qurans," said Brandon Combs, executive director of The Calguns Foundation, a gun rights group. "Dealers should be able to say they sell handguns."

A spokeswoman for the state attorney general's office, which defended the law, said the office was reviewing the decision.

The state Department of Justice cited one of the plaintiffs, Ten Percent Firearms, for a metal sign shaped like a revolver in the store's parking lot that an inspector spotted in 2010, according to Nunley's ruling. Another plaintiff, Tracy Rifle and Pistol, received a citation after an inspector in 2014 found large vinyl decals depicting three handguns on the store's windows.

"As the Court explained today, the government cannot censor commercial speech in a paternalistic effort to keep citizens from making unpopular choices - or choices the government doesn't approve - if they are told the truth," Brad Benbrook, an attorney for the plaintiffs said in a statement.

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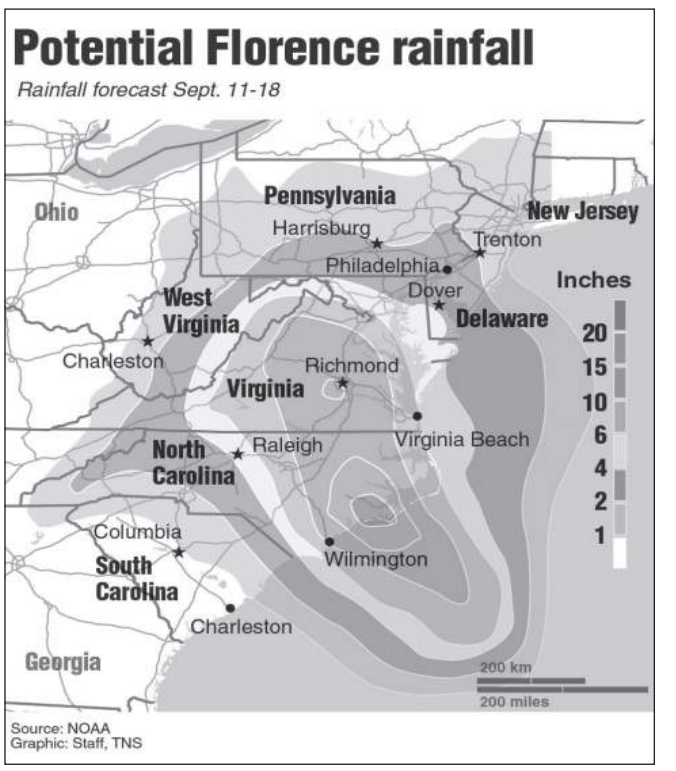
‘Monster’ Hurricane Florence nears Carolina coast

AP
Emmett West pulls his boat from a nearby marina to secure it at his home ahead Hurricane Florence in Morehead City, N.C., Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018.



WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP)—Coastal residents fleeing a potentially devastating blow from Hurricane Florence encountered empty gasoline pumps and depleted store shelves as the monster storm neared the Carolina coast with 140 mph (225 kph) winds and drenching rain that could last for days.

While some said they planned to stay put despite hurricane watches and warnings that include the homes of more than 5.4 million people on the East Coast, many weren’t taking any chances.

A steady stream of vehicles full of people and belongings flowed inland Tuesday, and North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper tried to convince everyone to flee.

“The waves and the wind this storm may bring is nothing like you’ve ever seen. Even if you’ve ridden out storms before, this one is different. Don’t bet your life on riding out a monster,” he said.

Forecasters said Florence was expected to blow ashore late Thursday or early Friday, then slow down and dump 1 to 2½ feet (0.3 to 0.6 meters) of rain that could cause flooding well inland and wreak environmental havoc by washing over industrial waste sites and hog farms.

President Donald Trump declared states of emergency for North and South Carolina and Virginia, opening the way for federal aid. He said the federal government is “absolutely, totally prepared” for Florence.

All three states ordered mass evacuations along the coast. But getting out of harm’s way could prove difficult.

Michelle Stober loaded up valuables on Tuesday at her home on Wrightsville Beach to take back to her primary residence in Cary, North Carolina. Finding fuel for the journey was tough.

“This morning I drove around for an hour looking for gas in Cary. Everyone was sold out,” she said.

Florence is so wide that a life-threatening storm surge was being pushed 300 miles (485 kilometers) ahead of its eye, and so wet that a swath from South Carolina to Ohio and Pennsylvania could get deluged.

People across the region rushed to buy bottled water and other supplies, board up their homes, pull their boats out of the water and get out of town.

Long lines formed at service stations, and some started running out of gas as far west as Raleigh, with bright yellow bags, signs or rags placed over the pumps to show they were out of order. Some store shelves were picked clean.

“There’s no water. There’s no juices. There’s no canned goods,” Kristin Harrington said as she shopped at a Walmart in Wilmington.

People weren’t the only ones evacuating to get out of the path of Hurricane Florence. Eight dogs and 18 cats from a shelter in Norfolk, Virginia, were sent to two shelters in Washington to make room for pets expected to be displaced by the hurricane.

Dallas leaders’ proactive stance helps tamp down protest

DALLAS (AP)—Dallas police swiftly admitted that a white officer who shot a black man in his own apartment last week had made a mistake. They expressed contrition, turned the case over to independent investigators and reached out to the victim’s family.

That proactive approach appeared to tamp down anger in the community in the first few days after the killing on Sept. 6. There have been protests but not large-scale unrest since the death of Botham Jean, a native of the Caribbean island of St. Lucia who went to a Christian university in Arkansas and worked in Dallas for accounting firm PwC.

The killing by officer Amber Guyger—who told officers she believed the victim’s apartment was her own— could have led to an “explosive situation” on the streets, said Frederick Haynes, pastor of a Baptist church in Dallas and vice president of the African-American Pastors Coalition.

Haynes praised the actions of Dallas Police Chief U. Renee Hall, who has been in her job only a year.

“She has gone out of her way to communicate not only to the family but also to community leaders,” he said, “and as a consequence that has helped keep calm.”

Killings of black men in recent years have prompted protests and sometimes violence in cities from Ferguson, Missouri, to Chicago and Baltimore. Police departments across the country have scrutinized how others have reacted to learn how to manage in such times of crisis.

University of Texas-Dallas criminologist and professor John Worrall said Dallas police officials have taken steps to keep their work and data open to the public.

“As big departments go throughout the country, I’ve been really surprised at how open they’ve been with their data,” Worrall said Tuesday.

The shooting of Jean happened about 10 p.m. Thursday. Within seven hours, police released a statement that the officer erred by entering Jean’s apartment. Hall then held a press conference early Friday afternoon during which she acknowledged that “there are more questions than we have answers,” but also said authorities were seeking to arrest Guyger for manslaughter. She said the officer’s blood was drawn at the scene to be tested for alcohol and drugs, and that the Texas Rangers would conduct an independent investigation. She added that she had spoken to Jean’s sister to express condolences to the family.

Police released Guyger’s name on Saturday after local media began reporting it, and she was charged with manslaughter Sunday. By Monday, four days after the shooting, Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson gathered at a news conference with members of Jean’s family. “My commitment is that there’s always going to be equal justice in this county,” Johnson told reporters. She said a grand jury would hear the case and could decide on more serious charges.

Mayor Mike Rawlings also quickly reached out to community leaders about the killing of Jean.

Not everyone is pleased with the response in Dallas. Lee Merritt, an attorney for the Jean family, said Guyger should have been arrested the night of the shooting and she should have left the apartment complex in handcuffs. Guyger was free until her arrest on Sunday. She posted bond and was released.

Maui hunkers down for Tropical Storm Olivia nearing Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP)—Maui hunkered down for heavy rains and powerful winds as a gradually weakening tropical storm barreled toward Hawaii, while Honolulu hoped it would be spared the worst.

Forecasters said Tropical Storm Olivia could dump 5 to 10 inches (12 to 25 centimeters) of rain, with some places getting as much as 15 inches.

Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa urged residents to store drinking water and warned that they should plan for power outages, landslides, high surf, fallen trees and flooded roads.

“Nature has a real funny way of not giving us advance notice,” Arakawa said.

Olivia was about 100 miles (160 kilometers) east of Maui and packing winds of 50 mph (85 kph) late Tuesday. The storm, which was a hurricane earlier in the week, has been slowly losing power as it nears the state.

Schools, courts and government offices will be closed in Maui County on Wednesday in preparation for the storm.

Scott Zaffram, a senior response official with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said emergency teams and supplies were ready on Maui.

The National Guard has mobilized personnel and trucks to the east side of Maui, said Herman Andaya, administrator of the county’s emergency management agency.

Hawaiian Airlines cancelled flights by its commuter airline, Ohana by Hawaiian.

Officials were worried about landslides in west Maui because brushfires during Hurricane Lane three weeks ago wiped out vegetation, Maui County spokesman Rod Antone said.

Maui’s Costco was a “packed house” all day Monday, but the stream of customers slowed by Tuesday afternoon, said general manager Tony Facemire. Lines at the gas pumps remained long Tuesday, he said.

The store was well-stocked with most items, but was out of lanterns, flashlights and generators, he said.

The owner of the only hardware store in the small town of Hana on the east side of Maui said he was determined to stay open so residents could buy tarps, screws or other supplies for their homes.

Asia

SKorea's Moon calls for 'bold decisions' ahead of Kim summit

AP
South Korean President Moon Jae-in speaks during a cabinet meeting at the presidential Blue House in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's president on Tuesday urged both North Korea and the United States to "make bold decisions" to break a deepening diplomatic impasse over the North's nuclear ambitions, saying he'll continue to act as mediator.

President Moon Jae-in's comments come days before he's to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for the third time this year to discuss how to achieve denuclearization and peace on the Korean Peninsula. Moon said the summit must lead to another "big step" toward denuclearization.

The talks come at a crucial moment in the overall diplomacy, which is currently stuck amid recriminations between Washington and Pyongyang on how to follow through on vows made at a summit in June between Kim and President Donald Trump to rid the North of its nuclear weapons.

During a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, Moon said Kim and Trump must think broadly and "make bold decisions" to move the diplomacy forward and get North Korea to dismantle its nuclear arsenal.

"North Korea must carry out its nuclear dismantling and the United States must take a corresponding step," Moon said. "Under such a process, the two countries must pull back their deep-rooted mutual distrust caused by their 70 years of hostile relations."

North Korea has dismantled its nuclear and rocket engine testing sites, but U.S. officials have demanded more serious steps. Kim has reportedly said that his efforts must be reciprocated by corresponding U.S. measures such as a joint declaration to end the 1950-53 Korean War.

Moon said South Korea has no choice but to mediate between the two countries to promote dialogue, saying both Trump and Kim have asked him to play such a role. He wants "genuine talks" between Washington and Pyongyang to resume soon.

During a visit to Seoul on Tuesday, Steve Biegun, the new U.S. special envoy on North Korea, stressed the need to maintain nuclear diplomacy.

"We have some hard work to do. But we also have tremendous opportunity created by President Trump, by President Moon and by Chairman Kim. We need to do everything we can to make the most of this moment of opportunity," Biegun said at the start of his meeting with South Korean nuclear envoy Lee Do-hoon.

South Korean officials said Kim recently told them that he remains committed to a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula and said he still has faith in Trump. The White House said Monday that Trump received a request from Kim to schedule a second meeting between them to follow up on their June summit and that planning is in motion to make it happen.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Tuesday that it supports a possible second Trump-Kim summit that it hopes would help establish denuclearization and peace on the peninsula.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Afghan official: Death toll in suicide bombing rises to 68

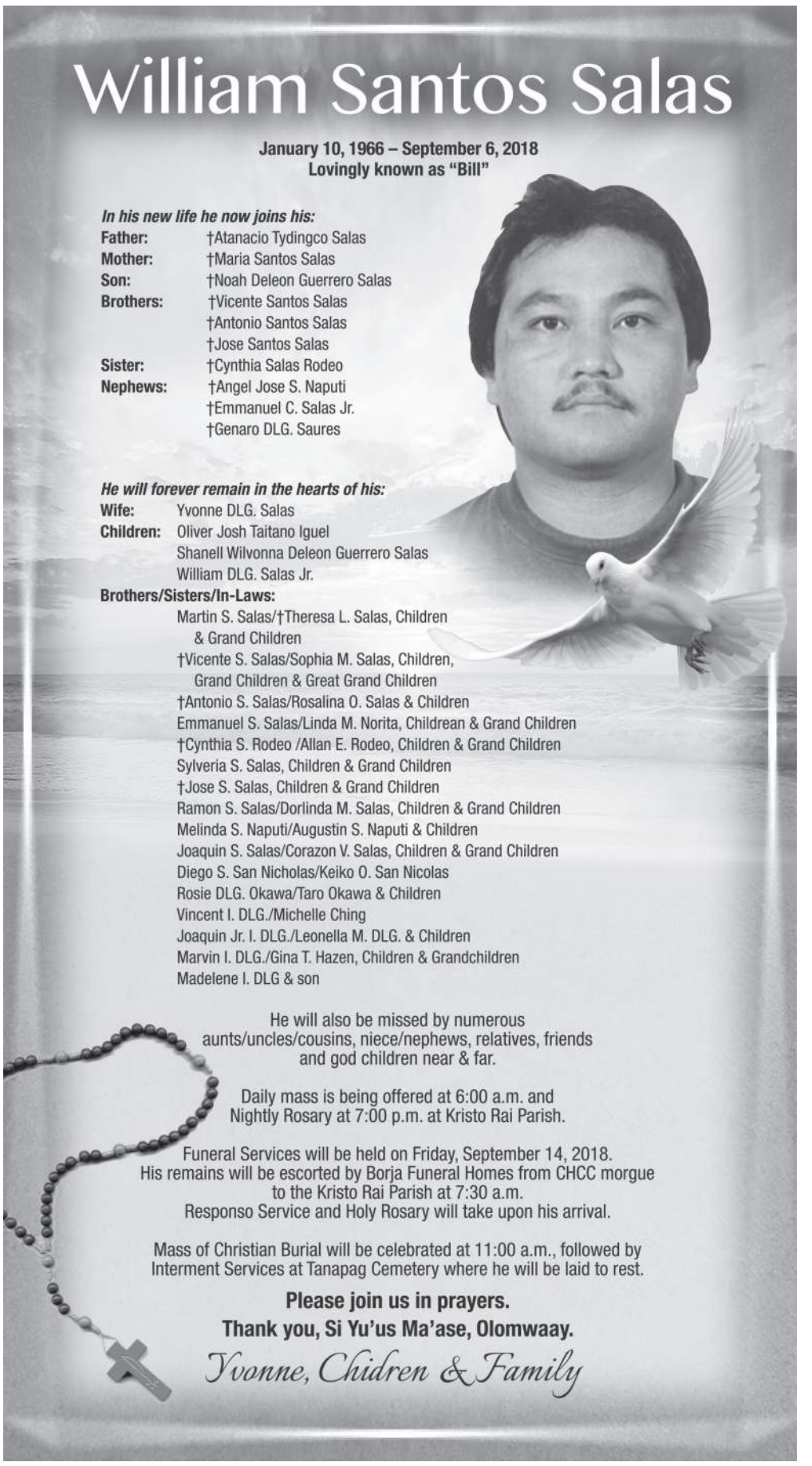
KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The death toll in a suicide bombing among a group of people protesting a local police commander in eastern Afghanistan has risen to 68, up from 32, provincial officials Wednesday. Attahullah Khogyani, spokesman for the provincial governor, said 165 others were wounded in the attack a day earlier. The bombing happened when a group from the district of Achin came to Momandara district to block the main highway between the capital Jalalabad and the Torkham border with Pakistan. The Taliban denied any involvement. No any other group immediately claimed responsibility, but both Taliban insurgents and the Islamic State group are active in eastern Afghanistan, especially in Nangarhar province. A local affiliate of the Islamic State group has emerged in recent years and carried out brazen and increasingly deadly attacks, most often targeting civilians and the country's minority Shiite Muslims, who it views as apostates. The Taliban and the Islamic State affiliate are enemies and have attacked each other's forces.

Bus accident in south India kills at least 55 people

HYDERABAD, India (AP)—A bus carrying pilgrims from a Hindu temple in the hills of south India plunged off a road Tuesday, killing at least 55 people including four children, officials said. At least 33 others were injured. The driver lost control as he hit a speed bump on a road leading from the popular Anjaneya Swamy temple in Telangana state, about 190 kilometers (118 miles) from Hyderabad, the state capital, Transport Minister P. Maneder Reddy said. The overcrowded bus pitched into a gorge. Crowds often throng the temple on Tuesdays. The temple is dedicated to the Hindu god Hanuman, and Tuesdays are seen as auspicious for offering prayers to him. Passersby rushed to help after the bus crashed, mangling the front of the vehicle. Volunteers crawled into the bus through broken windows, carrying the dead and injured though thick grass and up the hill to the road. The injured were taken to area hospitals. Local broadcaster ETV showed chaotic scenes at a hospital in Jagtiyal, where people wailed over bodies in a mortuary.

Pakistan ex-premier released on parole for wife's funeral

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A provincial government in Pakistan has released former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, his daughter and son in-law on parole after Sharif's wife died at a hospital in London. Mushahidullah Khan, a spokesman for Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League party, said Sharif, Maryam Nawaz and Mohammad Safdar were temporarily released from a prison in Rawalpindi early Wednesday and flown to the eastern city of Lahore. Kulsoom Nawaz was suffering from throat cancer. She died early Tuesday in London at the age of 68. Her funeral is likely to be held in Lahore on Friday. Sharif and his daughter and son-in-law are serving 10, 7 and one-year sentences respectively in a corruption case. The Supreme Court last year disqualified Sharif from holding office and later an anti-graft tribunal convicted him and his relatives.


William Santos Salas
January 10, 1966 – September 6, 2018
Lovingly known as "Bill"
In his new life he now joins his:
Father: †Atanacio Tydingco Salas
Mother: †Maria Santos Salas
Son: †Noah Deleon Guerrero Salas
Brothers: †Vicente Santos Salas
†Antonio Santos Salas
†Jose Santos Salas
Sister: †Cynthia Salas Rodeo
Nephews: †Angel Jose S. Naputi
†Emmanuel C. Salas Jr.
†Genaro DLG. Saures
He will forever remain in the hearts of his:
Wife: Yvonne DLG. Salas
Children: Oliver Josh Taitano Iguel
Shanell Wilvonna Deleon Guerrero Salas
William DLG. Salas Jr.
Brothers/Sisters/In-Laws:
Martin S. Salas/†Theresa L. Salas, Children & Grand Children
†Vicente S. Salas/Sophia M. Salas, Children, Grand Children & Great Grand Children
†Antonio S. Salas/Rosalina O. Salas & Children
Emmanuel S. Salas/Linda M. Norita, Childrean & Grand Children
†Cynthia S. Rodeo /Allan E. Rodeo, Children & Grand Children
Sylveria S. Salas, Children & Grand Children
†Jose S. Salas, Children & Grand Children
Ramon S. Salas/Dorlinda M. Salas, Children & Grand Children
Melinda S. Naputi/Augustin S. Naputi & Children
Joaquin S. Salas/Corazon V. Salas, Children & Grand Children
Diego S. San Nicholas/Keiko O. San Nicolas
Rosie DLG. Okawa/Taro Okawa & Children
Vincent I. DLG./Michelle Ching
Joaquin Jr. I. DLG./Leonella M. DLG. & Children
Marvin I. DLG./Gina T. Hazen, Children & Grandchildren
Madelene I. DLG & son
He will also be missed by numerous aunts/uncles/cousins, niece/nephews, relatives, friends and god children near & far.
Daily mass is being offered at 6:00 a.m. and Nightly Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Parish.
Funeral Services will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018.
His remains will be escorted by Borja Funeral Homes from CHCC morgue to the Kristo Rai Parish at 7:30 a.m.
Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take upon his arrival.
Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., followed by Interment Services at Tanapag Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.
Please join us in prayers.
Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay.
Yvonne, Chidren & Family

World

US-backed group in last push to defeat IS in northeast Syria

BEIRUT (AP)—A U.S.-backed Syrian fighting force said Tuesday it has begun the final stage of its campaign to clear Islamic State group militants from northeast Syria.

Separately, at least 21 pro-government fighters were killed in clashes with the militants in south Syria, underlining the persistent threat posed by the group despite its shrinking footprint.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said the 21 fighters, among them Syrian soldiers and foreign militiamen who have been recruited to fight for President Bashar Assad, died Monday night in a battle with IS militants in the Safaa desert region at the edges of Sweida province.

The activist-run pro-government Facebook page Damascus Now however reported that only 14 fighters died in the fighting. Such discrepancies on casualty figures are not uncommon in the immediate aftermath of the fighting.

Government forces have been battling the militants in the area for weeks since IS fighters ambushed Sweida in July.

The militants are believed to be holding some 30 Sweida civilians captive in the Safaa area since kidnapping them in the July ambush, when some 300 people were killed during the daylong battle.

AP

This photo released Monday, Sept. 10, 2018 by the Syrian Civil Defense group known as the White Helmets, shows flames and smoke rising from a Syrian government airstrike, in Hobeit village, near Idlib, Syria.

In north Syria, the Syrian Democratic Forces said it launched operations to expel IS militants from the town of Hajin and surrounding villages on the northeast banks of the Euphrates River.

The SDF is backed by the U.S.-led international coalition against IS.

The coalition said in a statement it was supporting the SDF ground operation with air and artillery strikes.

The Observatory said coalition jets have been bombing locations across the IS pocket in conjunction with the SDF ground offensive. At least 23 IS fighters were killed in the first 24 hours of battle, according to the Observatory.

Despite losing 90 percent of its territory between Iraq and Syria since its 2014 peak, the jihadist group remains a disruptive force in both countries. Its leader, the self-styled "Caliph" Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, urged followers to "persevere" in an audio tape attributed to him last month.

Also Tuesday, Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged the international community to stop the Syrian government from embarking on a widely-expected campaign to retake Idlib province from rebels.

Idlib is the last refuge for the Syrian opposition and home to close to 3 million people, including 1.4 million displaced Syrians hailing from provinces now controlled by the government.

Erdogan, in an op-ed printed in the Wall Street Journal, said an assault on Idlib would "create serious humanitarian and security risks for Turkey, the rest of Europe and beyond."

Pope to meet US bishops Thursday over abuse scandal

VATICAN CITY (AP)—With the Catholic Church in crisis once again over clerical sex abuse and cover-up, Pope Francis will meet Thursday with U.S. cardinals and bishops who are demanding to know how one of their own was able to climb the clerical ranks despite allegations that he slept with seminarians.

The Vatican said Tuesday that the U.S. delegation would be headed by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and also include Francis' top sex abuse adviser, Cardinal Sean O'Malley.

Di Nardo has said he wants Francis to authorize a full-fledged Vatican investigation into ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, who was removed as cardinal in July after a credible accusation that he groped a teenager.

The Vatican has known since at least 2000 that McCarrick would invite seminarians to his New Jersey beach house and into his bed.

And yet St. John Paul II made him archbishop of Washington and a cardinal in 2001, presumably because Vatican officials impressed by his fundraising prowess considered his past homosexual activity a mere "moral lapse" and not a gross abuse of power.

DiNardo has also said recent accusations that top Vatican officials - including the current pope - covered up for McCarrick since 2000 deserve answers.

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said DiNardo and O'Malley would meet with Francis on Thursday in the Apostolic Palace. Also involved are two officials from the U.S. conference, Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez and Monsignor Brian Bransfield, according to a Vatican statement.

The summit recalls the April 2002 meeting John Paul called with the senior U.S. church leadership after the sex abuse scandal first exploded publicly in Boston. At the time, McCarrick served as the front-man for the U.S. delegation, acting as their spokesman, and then went on to serve prominently when U.S. bishops drafted their tough abuse norms the summer of 2002 in Dallas.

In July, Francis ordered McCarrick, 88, to observe a lifetime of penance and prayer pending the outcome of a canonical trial into the groping allegation involving a teenage altar boy in the 1970s. After the allegation was publicized in June, it emerged that it was apparently an open secret - including at the Vatican - that McCarrick routinely molested seminarians and young priests and harassed them.

Environment

Loads of seaweed threatening Caribbean's sea life, tourism

By KATE LINTHICUM
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CANCUN, Mexico — Each morning along Mexico's iconic Caribbean coast, workers with pitchforks ready themselves for another day of war against seaweed.

They haul it off the beach with plastic bags, tanker trucks and small tractors that rumble back and forth in front of sunbathing tourists. By the next morning, new heaps of seaweed have washed ashore and begun to decay — emitting a stench of rotten eggs — and the war starts anew.

This was not what Aymara Flores had promised her two children when she booked a vacation at a luxury Cancun resort.

"I always tell them Cancun is so beautiful, but it's not the same now," said Flores, 37, an executive from the northern Mexican state of Chihuahua, who found it impossible to swim without being scratched by prickly clumps of seaweed. "Honestly, it's awful."

From the shores of Barbados to Miami Beach, masses of stinking seaweed have been washing ashore, threatening fragile coastal ecosystems and sparking panic in nations that depend on the millions of tourists that flock to the region each year to bask on white sand and bathe in turquoise waves.

Scientists warn that the algae known as sargassum are a grave new threat to the Caribbean — one as potentially life-altering as rising sea levels or destructive hurricanes.

The algae support birds and sea life in the open ocean but wreak environmental havoc near the shore. As they start to decay, they emit hydrogen sulfide fumes that can kill fish, coral and sea grass and cause headaches and nausea in humans. When piled high, the weed blocks endangered sea turtles from laying their eggs on shore, and their spawn from migrating to the ocean.

Barbados declared a national emergency in June and has deployed soldiers to try to clear beaches of the weed. In Antigua, the luxury resort St. James's Club has been forced to close temporarily after its bay was overtaken by a rust-colored layer of seaweed the size of several football fields. In Trinidad and Tobago, officials are calling for the development of an early warning system that would use satellite imagery to predict the severity of "sargassum season" during late spring and summer.

The algae itself are well known to researchers. Huge amounts of it live in what is known as the Sargasso Sea, a region of the North Atlantic off the coast of the United States. Small clumps have always broken off and drifted onto Caribbean beaches.

But now climate change and ocean pollution appear to be fueling new sargassum blooms.

Many scientists believe that a combination of warmer water and a fertile mixture of sewage, agricultural fertilizers and other river runoff may have created the perfect conditions for algae growth — and led to the formation of a second sargassum-filled sea off the coast of Brazil. They believe that much of the seaweed invading the Caribbean may come from this second patch.

"There's a sense that this is another man-made natural disaster," said Hazel Oxenford, a Barbados-based biologist at the University of the West Indies.

The first bad year was 2011, and an even larger influx followed in 2015. This year's bloom is nearly twice the size of that one, according to satellite images.

Scientists said the invasions of Caribbean beaches will probably increase in scale and frequency. Oxenford predicts they "will be like hurricanes, where in some years it's devastating and other years you don't see it."

Across the region, eastern-facing beaches have been hardest hit, because of ocean currents. The Yucatan, which is home to the popular resorts of Cancun, Cozumel, Playa del Carmen and Tulum, has been inundated.

Nearly half of the 250-mile expanse of beaches known as the Riviera Maya is currently covered with sargassum, said Alfredo Arellano Guillermo, secretary of ecology and the environment for the state of Quintana Roo.

The influx has inspired some of the most advanced efforts to combat the seaweed.

The most ambitious plan involves casting buoys out to sea carrying miles of nets that reach about a foot below the ocean surface. With a floating perimeter around the region's most popular beaches, the hope is to catch the seaweed before it reaches shore and haul it away in boats.

A pilot project at the public beach in Playa del Carmen, about an hour south of Cancun, has yielded mixed results.

On a recent sunny afternoon, two snakelike yellow barriers floated on the waves, but didn't appear to have much seaweed in their nets. The beach, however, was covered with mountains of it. As waiters sought to lure passing tourists to mostly empty beachfront restaurants, a team of workers loudly went about sucking up piles of seaweed with a vacuum pump connected to a sewage truck.

Arellano is asking the federal government for about $34 million to create a sargassum action plan that would incorporate the barriers and other technology now in development. He is also trying to organize a regional conference on the issue so that Caribbean countries can learn from one another. "This is a global issue," he said.

A possible bright spot, he said, is research that suggests sargassum could be recycled and used as fuel, construction material or even food for pigs. On some Caribbean islands, governments have been urging residents to haul seaweed off the beach and into their gardens, where it may function as a fertilizer.

Losing the war on seaweed isn't an option, Arellano said. The costs to Mexico would be too high.

There are few stretches of real estate more prized than the Yucatan coastline, which is mobbed each winter with tourists from the U.S., Canada and other parts of the world. The government has invested heavily in the region, recently opening a gleaming new airport terminal in Cancun and beginning construction on another.

Nearly 17 million tourists visited the beaches of the Yucatan last year, according to government statistics, fueling the highest rate of job growth in the country.

Life & Style

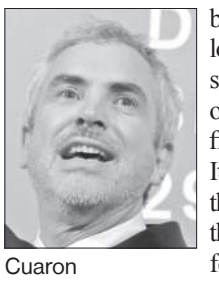
Alfonso Cuaron on building 'Roma' on childhood memories

TORONTO (AP)—Alfonso Cuaron's last movie, the dazzling space thriller "Gravity," won seven Oscars and grossed more than $720 million worldwide. His new movie, "Roma," is based on his childhood memories and was shot in black and white in the Mexico City neighborhood he grew up in.

With limitless opportunities at his disposal after the success of "Gravity," Cuaron decided to go home. And the result—a neorealist blend of intensely personal filmmaking and overwhelming visual command—has been hailed as a masterpiece.

"There were huge and beautiful offers after 'Gravity,' and very tempting. And offers from a financial standpoint that were really appetizing," Cuaron said in an interview. "But it was one of these things that I needed to do out of the deepest admiration for cinema that has to do with personal journeys."

Days after "Roma" took the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival, Cuaron and the film arrived at the Toronto International Film Festival where the rapturous responses to his soul-searching continued unabated. "Roma," which will have a limited theatrical release on Netflix this December, is Cuaron's first Spanish-language film since his 2001 breakthrough, "Y Tu Mama Tambien."


Cuaron

But for Cuaron, "Roma" is more than that. It's a new beginning.

"It's something that's been brewing for a long, long, long time. I first started taking it seriously in 2006. It's the film I was meant to do. It's my first film. It's the film in the sense that I made absolutely fearlessly. I threw away everything that I have learned to do this film," said Cuaron. "Well, not everything because I wouldn't have been able to do this before now."

"Roma" is about domestic worker Cleo (Yalitza Aparicio, speaking in her native Mixtec), who devotedly works for a family that lives in the Mexico City neighborhood of Roma. Their home life, while pristine, is cracking (the father leaves his wife). And the tumult of early '70s Mexico, when student protests clashed violently with the police, is all around. Society is fraying, and it's the women who bear much of the brunt of it.

Bruno Mars not playing Prince in new movie

NEW YORK (AP)—A representative for Bruno Mars says a report claiming he will portray Prince in a new movie is "100 percent false."

Mars

The Daily Mirror, a British tabloid, published a story over the weekend saying that Mars was "being lined up to play Prince" in a biopic to air on Netflix. The story was picked up by several online sites and was circulating widely.

But Mars' representative says the story is not true and Netflix says there's no film in development.

Paul Cockerton, online deputy digital editor, said in an email to The Associated Press that the paper was reaching out to the reporter on the story to see if it needed to be corrected or clarified, and checking with Netflix and Mars for an official statement.

Prince died at age 57 in 2016.

Mars performed a showstopping, memorable tribute to Prince at the 2017 Grammy Awards when he sang "Let's Go Crazy."

Prosecutors won't charge Backstreet Boy Nick Carter

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Prosecutors declined to file charges Tuesday against Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys after a singer reported last year that she had been raped in 2003.

The woman, Melissa Schuman of the group Dream, was 18 at the time, meaning the statute of limitations for prosecution had expired in 2013, Los Angeles County prosecutors said.

They said they did not otherwise evaluate the merits of Schuman's story.

California did away with its statute of limitations for rape in 2016. Schuman said it's unfortunate the state didn't make the move retroactive to accommodate victims like her.

"My family and I were well aware of the likelihood that my case was not prosecutable," she said in an email to The Associated Press.

Carter's lawyer said the singer feels vindicated.

"Nick has denied these allegations ever since he first learned of them last year, and was confident the district attorney would conclude that there was no basis to pursue charges against him," lawyer Michael Holtz said in a statement. "He is happy to put this matter behind him."

Carter said in November that he was "shocked and saddened" when Schuman said he had invited her to his Santa Monica apartment in 2003 and sexually assaulted her.

Alex Trebek launches new season of 'Jeopardy!' with beard

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alex Trebek sported a beard as he launched the 35th season of "Jeopardy!" and the look has led to a poll.

The bearded host appeared in a video on Instagram under the caption, "It's time to embark upon a magical journey." He opened the first show of the season by saying, "No need to inquire how I spent my summer vacation."

The game show has started a beard or no beard poll on Twitter. There have been more votes for the beard than against it. One person wrote that the beard reminded her of the actor Sean Connery while another compared Trebek to Santa Claus.

Trebek was known for sporting a mustache, but he shaved it off in 2001. He grew the mustache back for the 30th season in 2014.

Kidman's metamorphosis in 'Destroyer' surprises even herself

TORONTO (AP)—It was as she forcefully stuffed actress Tatiana Maslany into the trunk of a car that the sheer out-of-body experience of her role in the brutal L.A. noir thriller "Destroyer" came into focus for Nicole Kidman.

"I was putting her in the trunk of that car going: 'What the hell is this?'" Kidman recalled at the film's Monday evening premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival.

As much as we've come to expect it, Kidman's transformations can startle even herself. And just as has so often been the case, Kidman's powers of metamorphosis again have a film festival buzzing and the 51-year-old actress back among the Oscar contenders.

Kidman

In Karyn Kusama's "Destroyer," Kidman is almost unrecognizable as Erin Bell, a haunted and hardened police detective with little will left for police work or life, at all. Her voice is a husky whisper, her skin a gaunt, sun-dried mask, her eyes cold and empty. She drinks heavily.

The film, which Kusama characterized as in the spirit of Martin Scorsese's "Taxi Driver," places a female anti-hero in the heart of a hard-boiled genre usually the domain of men. Maslany, who plays a strung-out criminal in the film, said of the film: "It felt so not masculine. It felt really feminine in this genre to really bend the rules with how we normally see these stories."

What has turned Bell into a ghost is what drives "Destroyer," which Annapurna Pictures will release in December. It cuts between a present murder investigation and an earlier, connected undercover operation that ended tragically. In the flashbacks, Kidman appears recognizably herself—beautiful, spirited—only further emphasizing her drastic changes in the role.

"I was just sitting back watching the last 15 minutes of the film going: 'God, is that me?'" said Kidman. "And it's weird because I look at it and it feels almost like a dream because it was so different for me to exist in that place."

Kidman said the character's inner darkness was more challenging than the exterior makeover.

Mom's questionable behavior has eroded daughter's trust

DEAR ABBY: My mother did something very disrespectful. She picked up my former boyfriend and took him to her house, saying she needed help with her curtains or something. He said when she came back in the room, she just had on a slip, like she was trying to seduce him. When I asked her if what he said about her was true, she replied, "Maybe I did, maybe I didn't." Not long after that, I began distancing myself from her.

After I got married, she told a relative she didn't believe my baby daughter was my husband's. I was understandably upset. When I questioned her about it, she was shocked because she didn't know my cousin had told me. Right now, I don't care to be around her. I still send her cards for her birthday and Christmas, but I don't trust her anymore. What should I do?

CAN'T TRUST MY MOTHER

DEAR CAN'T TRUST HER: It's sad, but not all parents are loving and supportive. In fact, some of them are toxic. Your mother appears to be one of the latter, so listen to your gut. Continue to be respectful, as you have been doing, but also continue to keep your distance. And if you are tempted to confide in her about anything private, don't do it.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have decided to start a family, and the topic of names arose. My wife, who was born and raised in India, is insisting on Indian names for our children. The problem is they are often difficult to pronounce and spell. I'm not opposed to Indian middle names, but think traditional "Western" names may be more suitable, since we will live in the United States. How can I make my wife understand that having "unusual" names makes certain aspects of kids' lives more difficult?

MAKING LIFE EASY

DEAR MAKING: Your wife's concept of giving the children Indian names is lovely. However, practically speaking, I agree with you. Popular names in one country can cause problems for a child living in another one. Not only can foreign names be difficult to pronounce and spell, but they can also cause a child to be teased unmercifully. Sometimes the name can be a problematic word in the English language. And one that sounds beautiful in a foreign language can be grating in English.

I hope your wife will rethink this. Why saddle a kid with a name he or she will have to explain or correct with friends, teachers and fellow employees from childhood into adulthood?

DEAR ABBY: A month ago, while in the process of moving, I found some of my brother's old report cards from elementary school 60 years ago. His teacher reported behavior issues, but by the end of the school year, she reported improvement. My brother is a successful businessman now with a family. Should I give him the report cards or discard them?

BIG SIS IN OHIO

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By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

SO LONG, MOM. HOBBES AND I ARE GOING TO MARS TO LIVE. EARTH IS TOO POLLUTED.
HAVE A GOOD TIME.
SAY GOODBYE TO DAD FOR US. IF I CAN FIND AN INTERPLANETARY POST OFFICE, I'LL WRITE YOU ONCE IN A WHILE AND...
CALVIN, DON'T STAND THERE WITH THE DOOR OPEN. YOU'RE LETTING IN BUGS. EITHER STAY IN OR GO OUTSIDE.
SHE DIDN'T SEEM TOO CHOKED UP ABOUT US GOING. DID SHE?
WE SHOULD'VE LEFT A LONG TIME AGO.

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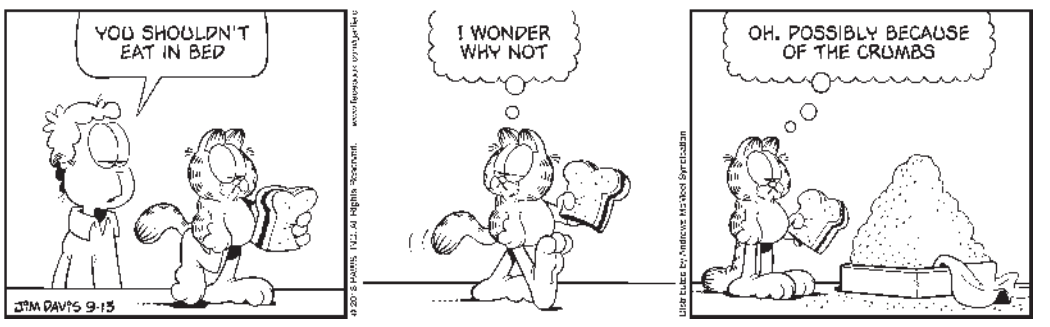
By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

PREPARE, SUMMER CHILD. FOR WINTER APPROACHETH.
KATY. IT'S NICE OUT. STOP BEING DRAMATIC.
AH, YOUTH. FEEL YOU NOT THE APPROACHING CHILL?
"POET KATY" IS WAY ANNOYING.
IT MAY BE A ROUGH WINTER. SHE USUALLY DOESN'T SHOW UP TILL THE 25TH OR SO.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I'D LIKE MY STEAK WELL-DONE, PLEASE.
YOU SHOULD ORDER IT RARE. IT'S GOOD TO HAVE SOME BLOOD IN IT.
THE ONLY RED I WANT WITH MY STEAK IS WHEN I MAKE A SMILEY-FACE WITH KETCHUP.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

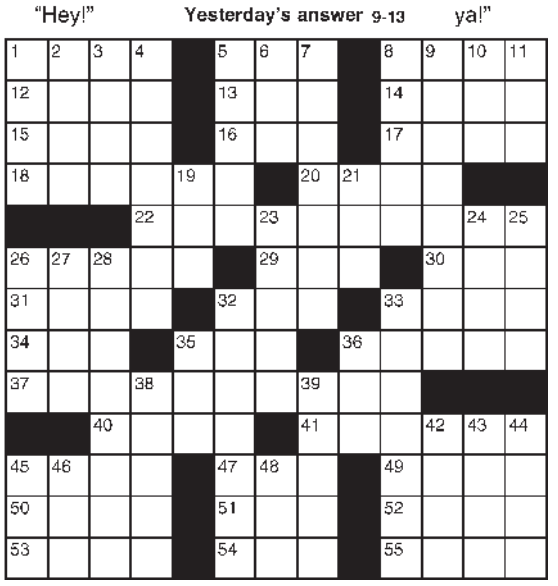
1 Ointment amounts
5 Calendar abbr.
8 Surround
12 Bagh-dad's land
13 — -pah band
14 Actor Epps
15 Beige
16 Gym unit
17 Diamond heads?
18 Sewing fiber
20 High hairstyle
22 Low-priced sales promotion
26 Hockey need
29 "Suits" network
30 Notable time
31 Scottish lake
32 "Right you —!"
33 Whis-pered "Hey!"
34 Chemical suffix
35 Dogpatch adjective
36 Golf strokes
37 Winner's celebra-tory circuit
40 Hurry
41 Trembling trees
45 Rabbit's title
47 Flow out
49 Notion
50 Exotic berry
51 Sailor's assent
52 Deserve
53 Rhett's last word
54 Costa — Sol
55 Urban haze

DOWN

1 Regi-men
2 Eyebrow shape
3 Comic Rose-anne
4 Crush
5 Gerald and Betty
6 Shad product
7 Sudden urge
8 Dutch cheese
9 Far from humble
10 Knock
11 Hosp. workers
19 Fine, at NASA
21 Pod dweller
23 Bad-tempered
24 Formerly, once
25 "Phooey!"
26 Balkan native
27 Singer Braxton
28 Parlor treat
32 Dunce
33 Young canines
35 Part of UCLA
36 — de deux
38 Shroud city
39 Tag
42 Dutch cheese
43 In-famous emperor
44 Crooned
45 Abysmal
46 — Victor
48 "See ya!"

Solution time: 24 mins.

Yesterday's answer 9-13



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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Channel your energy where it will do the most good. Helping others will make you feel good. A change in the way you feel or an unexpected response from someone you are in a partnership with will leave you feeling uncertain. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Make a move if it will enhance your life. An emotional situation should be dealt with using common sense. Do what's best for everyone; you'll come out on top. A challenge will bring you closer to someone you love. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Be careful when dealing with institutions or while in unfamiliar places or situations. You'll give or get the wrong impression if you aren't savvy to the customs and traditions of the people around you. Ask questions if you are in doubt. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* You've got swagger and charisma. Get out and socialize, network and entertain those you want to collaborate with personally or professionally. Improvements can be made that will enhance your life, relationships and standard of living. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Be reluctant to make a move because someone else does. Stand on your own two feet and do whatever is to your benefit. Accept the inevitable, regroup and head in a direction that will encourage growth and stability. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Travel, meetings and communication will encourage you to make an adjustment to your life that will result in greater stability and prompt you to revisit your relationships with others. Improvements will enhance your imagination and lead to innovative options. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Do what you can and ignore how others react. It's in your best interest to keep busy as well as to take better care of your health, wealth and reputation. Protect against bullies and those showing signs of instability. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Be creative in the way you approach projects, problems and people. Having a clear and concise plan in mind that you dress up with innovative ideas will grab the attention of someone who will contribute to and enhance your plans. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Refrain from meddling in someone else's affairs. Concentrate on what's expected of you, and do what has to be done in order for you to live up to your promises. Being responsible will help you avoid criticism and interference. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You'll gain ground when it comes to getting what you want. Your experience and practical way of approaching situations will persuade others to help you reach your goals. Partnerships will take a positive turn that leads to new beginnings. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Keep a low profile and don't get sucked into following someone trying to take your money or influence you to try something that is excessive. Stick to what you know and trust, regardless of the temptation. Don't take a physical risk. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Be creative with your money, and negotiate on your own behalf. Settlements, contracts and financial gains can be made if you are innovative in the way you structure what you want to see happen. Know your opponents and your boundaries. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are innovative, motivated and courageous. You are intuitive and resourceful.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/13

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

9	7	2	3	1	4	5	8	6
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By DAVID OUELLET

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-vs- : 18-0316
Song Feng Lin : **SUMMONS FOR**
Respondent : **PUBLICATION**

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/s/ Clerk of Court

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Commonwealth Judiciary Administrative Office
Guma' Hustisia, Ilimwal Aweewe, House of Justice
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/S/ ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
CHIEF JUSTICE

/S/ JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ
JUDICIARY PROCUREMENT OFFICER

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Tour Championship field set, without Spieth

AP
Jordan Spieth hits out of the bunker during the first round of the Dell Technologies Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass., Friday, Aug. 31, 2018.

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. (AP)—After a waterlogged BMW Championship won in a playoff by Keegan Bradley, the FedEx Cup playoffs have reached their final event. Thirty players, led by two-time playoff winner Bryson DeChambeau, will head to East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Ga. next week with the aim of capturing the FedEx Cup and its $10 million prize.

Dechambeau, Justin Rose, Tony Finau, Dustin Johnson and Justin Thomas will head to Atlanta with the ability to win the FedEx Cup outright. Rounding out the top 10 are Keegan Bradley, U.S. Open and PGA Championship winner Brooks Koepka, Bubba Watson, Billy Horschel, and Cameron Smith.

The next 10 are Webb Simpson, Jason Day, Open Championship winner Francesco Molinari, Phil Mickelson, Masters champion Patrick Reed, Patrick Cantlay, Rory McIlroy, Xander Schauffele, Tommy Fleetwood, and Tiger Woods, while the final 10 are Aaron Wise, Kevin Na, Rickie Fowler, Jon Rahm, Kyle Stanley, Paul Casey, Hideki Matsuyama, Gary Woodland, Marc Leishman, and Patton Kizzire.

One player who won't be at East Lake is Jordan Spieth, who fell from 27th position going into the BMW Championship to 31st place. That put him in violation of a new PGA Tour rule designed to route big-name players to smaller events. Players are required to play in 25 events in a season or risk a fine; Spieth played in 24 events and was clearly banking on making East Lake his 25th.

Spieth would be the first player to violate the rule in its two years of existence. He is subject to a three-tournament suspension and a "major fine" of $20,000 or more. And it sounds like he's ready to take his punishment.

Spieth shed a little insight on his expectations at the beginning of 2016 when he said his goals start with winning and include "being there" with a chance in a couple of major championships.

Two years later, he failed to win on the PGA Tour for the second time in six seasons. He was there with a chance at two majors, coming from nine back in the final round at the Masters to within one shot of the lead until a bogey on the 18th hole for a 64. At the British Open, he had a three-way share of the lead in the final round, fell back with bad swings and never caught up at Carnoustie.

The disappointment was missing the Tour Championship for the first time.

"I was in control of my own destiny and didn't have it this week," said Spieth, the only player from the Top 10 in the world who won't be at East Lake.

It didn't help that Spieth, for the second straight season, sat out the entire fall portion of the PGA Tour schedule. Setting him back even further was missing nearly an entire month with mononucleosis.

It makes no sense to punish a player who is guilty of not playing enough tournaments by making him sit out even more.

More than money, what really hits home for a player like Spieth is time.

One option would be to increase the number of new events, and that might not be a problem. Even before Spieth was in jeopardy of missing the Tour Championship, he was contemplating adding as many as two North American stops in the fall. Spieth is getting married after the fall season and is like to pass on overseas travel this year.

That also would solve the problem of not starting a new year feeling as though he were behind. A tournament or two in the fall would give him a chance to make sure the new year starts in Hawaii.

Spieth could use a fresh start.

First, he has the Ryder Cup in France, in which he will not have competed in two weeks. More than not winning this year, Spieth was rarely close. In the 17 stroke-play events that he made the cut, he finished an average of 9.6 strokes out of the lead.

Meanwhile, the Top 5 players heading into next week's tournament at East Lake will have the opportunity to win the FedEx Cup outright by winning the Tour Championship. Everyone else will need help from the leaders. While the lowest-ranked players could still win, they would basically need DeChambeau and the rest of the leaders to go to the wrong course.

This will apparently mark the last year under the current FedEx Cup format. Starting in 2019, according to several outlets, the playoffs will go from four events to three, and the winner of the second event—the BMW Championship—will start the Tour Championship at 10 under par, with every other player in the 30-man field staggered downward from there. Prize money will also reportedly jump from $10 million to $15 million.

Serena 'out of line' but both sides share blame says King

NEW YORK (AP)—Former world number one Billie Jean King has softened her initial stance on the controversy over Serena Williams, who was "totally out of line" when she vehemently disputed calls by chair umpire Carlos Ramos during Saturday's U.S. Open final.

Ramos, however, could have prevented the affair had he communicated better and given Williams a 'soft warning' instead of a code violation when he saw her coach Patrick Mouratoglou giving signals during the match, King said.

Williams was issued a warning, point and then game penalty after she argued with Ramos during the final, which was won by Japan's Naomi Osaka, 6-2, 6-4.

"Serena was out of line. There's no question," King told CNN on Tuesday. "No one is saying she was a good sport. If they are they are crazy.

"She was totally out of line. She knows it."

King's remarks to CNN were something of a walk back of her earlier comments when she said in a Washington Post editorial that Williams had faced down sexism with her protests.

She also did not criticize Williams' on-court behavior.

King, however, said Williams was not aware she had been handed a first violation and was surprised to have a point taken from her when she received a second for later smashing her racquet.

The loss of the point prompted Williams to call Ramos a "thief", which led to a third violation for verbal abuse that resulted in the umpire issuing a game penalty, although he could have prevented the incident from escalating, King said.

"The point is he (aggravated) the situation. 'I'm not attacking your character,' is the most important thing he could have said," King told CNN.

"I think everything would have been different."

King said she hoped the incident would bring about needed changes to the sport, including allowing for direct communication between the umpire and the fans over a loudspeaker and ending the ban on coaching during Grand Slam matches.

"Crisis creates an opportunity to get it right," she said.

Meanwhile, Ramos has been chosen to officiate this weekend's Davis Cup semifinal matchup between the United States and host Croatia.

Ramos confirmed his selection to a media outlet in his native Portugal. The choice was also confirmed by the International Tennis Federation, which praised Ramos' professionalism and integrity one day earlier.

The men's event will be held Friday through Sunday in Zadar, Croatia.

The U.S. Open women's final was overshadowed by the controversy between Williams and Ramos, who cited the former for three code violations.

The U.S. Open fined Williams $17,000 on Sunday for the three offenses—$10,000 for verbal abuse, $4,000 for being warned about coaching and $3,000 for breaking her racket.

Last Monday, the ITF, which oversees the Davis Cup, issued a statement defending Ramos, saying his "decisions were in accordance with the relevant rules" and that his rulings were "reaffirmed by the U.S. Open's decision to fine Williams for the three offenses."

"Ramos undertook his duties as an official according to the relevant rule book and acted at all times with professionalism and integrity," the ITF statement added.

The governing body's support for Ramos came after the WTA, which operates the women's tour, was critical of the way things went between him and Williams in New York.

"The WTA believes that there should be no difference in the standards of tolerance provided to the emotions expressed by men vs. women and is committed to working with the sport to ensure that all players are treated the same," the tour's CEO, Steve Simon, said in a statement. "We do not believe that this was done last night."

Ramos has broken his silence over Saturday's US Open final.

Speaking to *Tribuna Expresso* in his native Portugal, Carlos Ramos said: "I'm fine, given the circumstances. It's a delicate situation, but 'à la carte' arbitration does not exist. Do not worry about me!"

Red Sox first to clinch playoff berth

BOSTON (AP)—The Boston Red Sox became the first team in the majors to clinch a playoff spot this season, rallying on pinch-hitter Brock Holt's go-ahead home run in the seventh inning to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-2 Tuesday night.

Guided by rookie manager Alex Cora, the Red Sox improved the best record in baseball at 99-46. They assured themselves at least a spot in the AL wild-card game while reaching the postseason for the third straight year.

The AL East-leading Red Sox began the night with an eight-game lead over the New York Yankees.

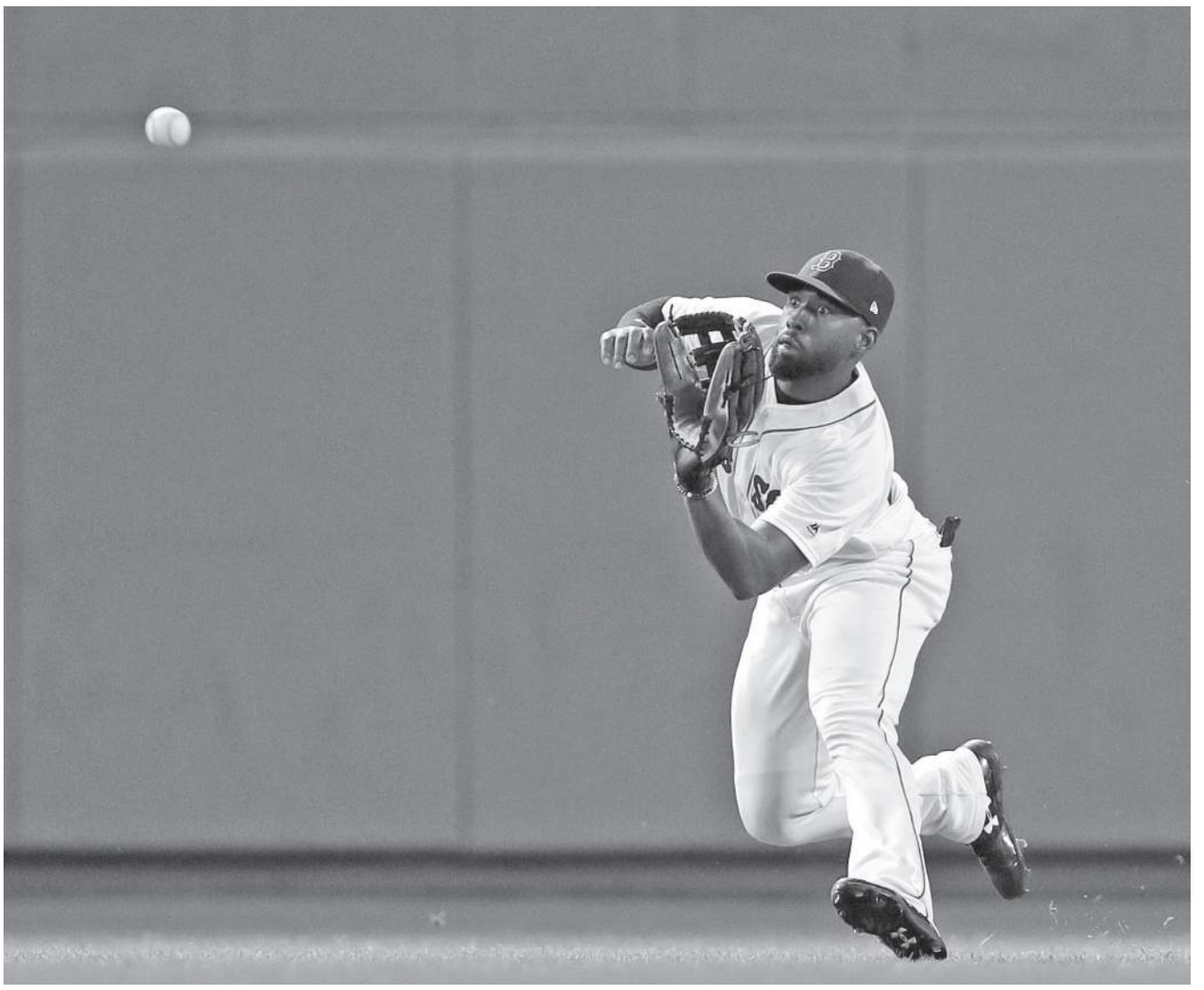
Boston starter Chris Sale came off the disabled list and pitched one scoreless inning, striking out two and throwing 26 pitches. Sale has been slowed by inflammation in his left shoulder, and the Red Sox had said they would ease their ace back into action.

Sale continued tossing in the bullpen after he was pulled, trying to rebuild his arm strength for the postseason.

The Red Sox matched a team record by making it to the postseason three years in a row. They also did it from 2003-05 and 2007-09—with World Series titles in '04 and '07 included in each run.

Ryan Brasier (2-0) got the win with 1 1-3 innings of hitless relief as Boston used seven relievers after limiting Sale in his return.

Ryan Tepera (5-5) took the loss.



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Boston Red Sox center fielder Jackie Bradley Jr. lines up the catch on a fly out by Toronto Blue Jays' Aledmys Diaz during the fifth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018.

MLB commemorates 9/11 anniversary with ballpark ceremonies

NEW YORK (AP)—In a way, Don Mattingly was about as far from the hustle and bustle of downtown New York City as an ex-ballplayer could be on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

The former New York Yankees captain was cleaning out stalls on his horse farm in Indiana when he heard the horrible news on the radio: Two planes had crashed into the Twin Towers in Manhattan, destroying the World Trade Center landmarks and undoubtedly killing thousands of people.

So he went inside.

"I felt like I watched TV for like three weeks straight," Mattingly said. "Just couldn't take my eyes off the TV."

Within a month, he returned to New York for a visit.

"Unbelievable," he recalled. "Devastating."

Mattingly, now managing the Miami Marlins, was back in New York on Tuesday as Major League Baseball once again commemorated the anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks with ceremonies at ballparks all across the country.

A moment of silence to honor victims and first responders was held before every game. Players, coaches and umpires wore caps with a "We Shall Not Forget" ribbon patch, and MLB planned to donate all royalties from the sales of those hats to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, the Pentagon Memorial Fund and the Flight 93 National Memorial.

At Citi Field in New York, where the Mets hosted the Marlins, more than 100 representatives from the New York Police Department, Fire Department of New York, Port Authority Police Department, New York City Office of Emergency Management and the City of New York Department of Sanitation lined up in full uniform along the warning track and baselines.

Players and coaches from both teams stood alongside, interspersed between them, and shook hands before the national anthem was performed by NYPD police officer Makiah Brown.

Colors were presented by the Port Authority Police Department Honor Guard in center field, and children whose parents or grandparents have fought illnesses related to the Sept. 11 attacks took the field with Mets players.

"Obviously, a tough day for a lot of people. Obviously, a lot going on in the city," Mattingly said. "It feels good to be a small part of that."

Fire Department of New York Commissioner Daniel Nigro threw out the ceremonial first pitch to former Mets captain John Franco, who grew up in Brooklyn and wore an FDNY cap. FDNY Firefighter Regina Wilson sang "God Bless America" during the seventh-inning stretch.

Before the game, Mattingly and Mets manager Mickey Callaway wore NYPD hats as they conducted interviews.

"It's a day that needs to be remembered and I'm proud to be a New Yorker and have this hat on," Callaway said. "I don't think it'll ever be forgotten. I'm glad that baseball recognizes it every year."

Astros 5, Tigers 4

In Detroit, For five innings, the Houston Astros were one pitch away from blowing an important game.

Their relievers never gave the Tigers that pitch.

Five Houston relievers threw shutout innings, and the Astros' three early homers held up in a victory over Detroi.

"None of those guys had a margin for error," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said.

Houston maintained a three-game lead over the Oakland Athletics in the AL West.

Jose Altuve homered on the first pitch of the game, and the Astros hit two more homers in the first four innings to go up 5-0.

Marlins 5, Mets 3

In New York, one of the few teams to have much success against Jacob deGrom all year has been the last-place Miami Marlins.

Go figure.

In his latest hard-luck loss during a record-setting season, deGrom was outpitched by Jose Urena as the Marlins beat the New York Mets.

"These guys, they want to score for him so bad, you can see it," Mets manager Mickey Callaway said. "Unfortunately, we just haven't done that very much."

Locked in a compelling race for the NL Cy Young Award despite his pedestrian record, deGrom (8-9) gave up only Lewis Brinson's two-run double in seven stellar innings.

Nationals 7, Phillies 6

In Philadelphia, Juan Soto hit a solo home run in the 10th inning, his second of the game, to lead the Washington Nationals to a win over the Philadelphia Phillies and a doubleheader sweep.

The Nationals rallied for three runs in the ninth inning off Seranthony Dominguez to tie the game at 6-all. Soto, who hit a two-run shot in the fourth, connected off Yacksel Rios (3-2) with one out in the 10th for the winner.

Greg Holland retired the first batters in the 10th before he walked the next two. Holland got Cesar Hernandez to fly out to end the game for his third save. Wander Suero (3-0) got the win.

Twins 10, Yankees 5

In Minneapolis, Joe Mauer hit a grand slam to highlight a six-run fifth inning, and the Minnesota Twins beat New York for the first time in 10 meetings with a victory on y night after another flop in the Yankees' starting rotation by Sonny Gray.

Didi Gregorious answered Mauer's big bop with his own grand slam in the sixth. That was the only bright spot for the Yankees, who dropped nine games behind Boston in the AL East race and had their lead over Oakland for the first wild card spot cut to two games. The major league leaders in home runs with 234, the Yankees fell to 80-36 in games when they go deep.

Gray was dropped from the rotation in early August with an 8-8 record and 5.56 ERA.

Royals 6, White Sox 3

In Kansas City, Brad Keller pitched seven strong innings to win for the fourth time in six starts, leading the Royals to a win over the Chicago White Sox.

Whit Merrifield had two hits, two RBIs, and scored two runs for the Royals. He also stole two bases to increase his American League lead to 33 steals, including a league-best 12 of third base.

Keller (8-6) gave up one run and four hits and two walks while striking out six. He is 4-1 with a 1.62 ERA in his last six starts, lowering his ERA to 3.04—leading all AL rookies.

Indians 2, Rays 0

In St. Petersburgh, Josh Donaldson and Edwin Encarnacion are back together again and got a chance to celebrate a home run like old times in Toronto.

Donaldson went hitless in his Cleveland debut, Encarnacion reached 30 homers for the seventh straight season and the Indians beat the Tampa Bay Rays.

Donaldson was on-deck when Encarnacion went deep and the pair exchanged a high-five afterward.

"We try and have fun out there," Encarnacion said. "It's good to have him back in the same lineup together."

Athletics 3, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, the acquisition of Mike Fiers has coincided with the Oakland Athletics' surge toward the postseason.

With a pitching staff decimated by injuries, the Athletics will be leaning heavily on the right-hander to help anchor the rotation.

Fiers remained unbeaten in an Oakland uniform, working six solid innings to lead the Athletics past the Baltimore Orioles.

Reds 3, Dodgers 1

In Cincinnati, not only did Los Angeles lose to the lowly Cincinnati Reds yet again, this time former Dodgers prospects did in their former team.

Former Los Angeles farmhands Brandon Dixon and Scott Schebler homered, and the Dodgers stumbled for the second straight night in a loss to the Reds.

"Two days ago, things were great," Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said. "I don't have an answer for the Reds. Obviously, we don't. I wish I had an answer. We felt good about this series coming in. We were prepared. We can't solve the riddle of their pitching. Our only thought now is to salvage the series and find a way to get a win."

Patriots, Eagles switch places in latest poll

NEW YORK (AP)—Well that didn't take long.

The Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots, who met in the Super Bowl, switched places on Tuesday in the latest AP Pro32 poll .

The defending champion Eagles opened the season on top, with the Patriots a close second.

After the first week of the regular season, it's the Patriots on top with three of the 12 first-place votes and 367 points in balloting by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

The Patriots opened the season with a 27-20 win over the Houston Texans. Tom Brady threw for 277 yards and three touchdowns.

"Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski put away any offseason speculation about their futures in New England by picking up where they left off," said Jenny Vrentas of The Monday Morning Quarterback. "Just as notable was the much improved performance by the Patriots' defense."

The Eagles received six first-place votes for 366 points despite their sluggish 18-12 win over the Atlanta Falcons.

The Minnesota Vikings remained at No. 3 with 363 points. In his first start with the Vikings, Kirk Cousins had 244 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-16 victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

"Solid start for Kirk Cousins at quarterback," said John Clayton of 710 ESPN in Seattle.

AP

New England Patriots defensive tackle Malcom Brown wraps up Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) as he tries to pass during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, in Foxborough, Mass.

The L.A. Rams are close behind again at No. 4. The Rams earned the other three first-place votes for 360 points.

"After a shaky first half, Rams put on a clinic against the overmatched Raiders and show that (coach) Sean McVay's team looks ready to live up to the Super Bowl hype," Newsday's Bob Glauber said of the Rams' opening 33-13 rout of the Raiders on Monday night.

The Jacksonville Jaguars moved up two spots to No. 5 and face a big test on Sunday when they host the Patriots in a rematch of last season's AFC championship game.

"The Jags have waited almost eight months to avenge a bitter loss in Foxborough that cost them a Super Bowl berth," said Ira Kaufman of Fox 13 in Tampa, Florida.

The Green Bay Packers jumped three spots to No. 6 after Aaron Rodgers led a remarkable comeback from a 20-0 deficit to a 24-23 victory on Sunday night after briefly leaving the game with a knee injury.

The Packers will host the Vikings on Sunday in one of the top matchups of Week 2.

"Aaron Rodgers and the Packers were impressive in the second half Sunday, but let's be honest, the real test comes against the Vikings," said Charean Williams of Pro Football Talk.

The Kansas City Chiefs moved up six spots to No. 7 after beating the AFC West rival Los Angeles Chargers, 38-28. The Chiefs will get another road challenge this week as they head to Heinz Field to face the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Carolina Panthers rose three spots to No. 8 after topping the Dallas Cowboys, 16-8.

PIC hosts 2018 Asia Flow Tour

PIC Saipan will be hosting the 2018 Asia Flow Tour and 12th PIC Point Break Championships this weekend.

Competitors are from Japan, Korea, Russia, and Germany, while local riders are also joining the event. Preliminary matches will start this Friday at 5:30pm, while Saturday will be the main event.

"We are still welcoming more people to join in. We have different categories for riders from beginners to pros. It would be a great opportunity to come in and just have a blast. Come out and watch riders perform skateboarding-type tricks and acrobatic tricks on the boogie board and stand up boards on PIC's artificial wave machine, Point Break," PIC Saipan Sports and Events manager Keoni Ichihara.

This years' event is sponsored by Pacific Trading Company, Bridge Capital, E-Land, Kensington Hotel, Coral Ocean Golf Resort, Marianas Visitors Authority, 670 Rock Steady (Magas), Kanoa Resort, Fiesta Resort, Triple J Wholesale, T-Galleria, and Saipan Vegas.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A young participant in last year's PIC Point Break Championships shows some moves at Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Point Break facility.

Cash prizes, trophies, and other prizes from the event sponsors await the winners. Limited edition shirts and lunch will also be provided to participants this Saturday.

Entry fee is $50 for pro divisions, $20 for Grometts 11 and under, and $30 for all other divisions. Entry forms can be found at the PIC Front Desk. For more inquiries, call 237-5174 or email at keoni.ichihara@picsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

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tional Team finished third in the East Asian Football Federation-organized tournament last week, forcing Macau and Guam to scoreless draws after losing to Mongolia in the first game. The Luem Khen Koo-coached coached CNMI led the hosts in the first half, 2-0, before dropping the opener. Despite the sorry loss, the Commonwealth bets regrouped and held their ground in the last two matches.

The CNMI Men's National Team, on the other hand, bowed to Guam and Mongolia, and nearly defeated Macau if not for a controversial non-call before settling for a 1-1 draw.

"I could not be more proud of our teams. I watched our last two games with the men's playing against Macau and the women's against Guam and in both matches, we came very close to winning. They played very well, hustled for every ball, and showed their opponents that they continue to learn how to play better even under one of the toughest weather conditions," the NMIFA head said.

In the Blue Ayuyus' game against Mongolia, a hailstorm stopped the match midway in the second half. Then in the women's team's match versus Macau, it was raining all throughout the game and temperature was below 10 degrees Celsius.

" I am glad I was able to watch our last two games. We faced Macau (men's) and Guam (women's), which were supposed to be strong teams, and we were able to force them into a draw and almost got a win," Tan said.

"When the tournament ended, I was approached by the officials of other teams and they congratulated our team. They witnessed that we keep improving after each competition," he added.

The NMIFA president thanked the coaches and other team officials for preparing the two nationals teams for the EAFF tournament. Tan also extended his appreciation to all the people, including the players' parents, who made the group's trip to Mongolia possible.

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buted in the youth caging with an 11-6 victory over Guam. Up next for the Commonwealth crew was Laos and they eked out a 7-6 triumph in the Pool A game. Then for their last match in the group, Blake and company defeated Brunei, 8-4, to march into the quarterfinals.

In the playoff round, the CNMI was first pitted against Myanmar and the former extended its streak and advanced to the semis after recording a 10-7 triumph. Then in the semis, the Commonwealth players were paired against Singapore, which denied the CNMI entry to the finals after pulling off an 8-6 victory.

The CNMI ended up placing fourth in the weekend tournament. The Commonwealth and Papua New Guinea did not play in the battle for third place match and the latter finished ahead of the CNMI after totaling the two teams points in all games, according to Lia Rangamar, who accompanied Blake, Fernandez, Santos, and Camacho in Indonesia. The CNMI collected 42 points in five games for an average of 8.4 per match, while PNG got 50 (10 points per game average).

The Philippines, which was represented by National University players Kent Jane Pastrana, Therese Ayenga, Dominic Dayrit, and Karl Kevin Quiambao, ruled the 3x3 tournament after dominating Singapore in the finals, 15-8. The Philippines also scored the most points in the competition with its 88 markers in six games, while the runner-up Singapore, which was represented by Lydia Ang Zi Yi, Crystal Yeaw Jia Jing, Ye Hui Cheng, and Shi Yu Ng, totaled 61.

Despite missing the finals, the CNMI players were proud of what they accomplished in the competition.

"It was a challenge for us. We played against people from other countries with amazing skills. It was great to have this opportunity and it was an amazing experience. Everyone did their best," said Blake, who along with other members of the CNMI team are scheduled to return to Saipan today.

Blake, Santos, and Camacho earned the rights to represent the CNMI in the 3x3 tournament in Bali after topping a qualifying tournament that Mariana Islands Basketball Federation hosted in July this year. Fernandez competed in the same qualifier and was added on the four-player roster.

Meanwhile, Coming in behind the Commonwealth at fifth place was Cambodia, which was followed by Guam, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Brunei, Fiji, Timor-Leste, and Laos.

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to play against Seventh Day Adventist (1-3).

Meanwhile, GCA 2 recorded only its second win after downing Saipan Community School in straight sets. GCA, which won its opener over Mt. Carmel, but loss back-to-back games (versus GCA 1 and SIS), eked out a 26-24 victory against SCS in the first set. Then in the second, the Eagles gained more cushion en route to a 25-13 triumph.

With its 2-2 slate, GCA 2 moved up to third place in the team standings, while SCS dropped to a 0-4 mark and was at the bottom of the rankings, sharing the cellar with Agape 2. Both SCS and Agape 2 had a chance to finally break into the win column as they were scheduled to meet in one of the pair of matches in the league yesterday.

Today, the competition will be back to a four-game schedule with the leading and unbeaten GCA 1 (4-0) putting its clean slate on the line when it takes on Agape 1 at the Torchbearers turf in Middle Road. SIS and Mt. Carmel will also have their streaks at stake as they collide in the 3:30pm game at the Geckos court. The two other matches this afternoon will have SDA battling SCS at the former's court in Chalan Kiya, while Agape 2 will host GCA 2.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Boston	99	46	.683	—
New York	90	55	.621	9
Tampa Bay	79	65	.549	19½
Toronto	65	79	.451	33½
Baltimore	41	103	.285	57½

Central Division

Cleveland	82	63	.566	—
Minnesota	66	78	.458	15½
Detroit	59	86	.407	23
Chicago	56	89	.386	26
Kansas City	49	95	.340	32½

West Division

Houston	91	54	.628	—
Oakland	88	57	.607	3
Seattle	79	65	.549	11½
Los Angeles	72	73	.497	19
Texas	62	83	.428	29

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	81	64	.559	—
Philadelphia	74	70	.514	6½
Washington	73	72	.503	8
New York	65	78	.455	15
Miami	57	86	.399	23

Central Division

Chicago	84	60	.583	—
Milwaukee	83	63	.568	2
St. Louis	81	64	.559	3½
Pittsburgh	71	73	.493	13
Cincinnati	63	83	.432	22

West Division

Colorado	79	65	.549	—
Los Angeles	78	67	.538	1½
Arizona	77	68	.531	2½
San Francisco	68	78	.466	12
San Diego	58	88	.397	22

z-clinched playoff berth

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EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1

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Members of the CNMI Men's National Team's starting unit gather for the photo before facing Guam in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1 last week at the Mongolian Football Federation Stadium in Ulan Bator, Mongolia.

The CNMI's Katrina Costales, left, stays close on defense against a Macau player.

The CNMI's Gianna Griffin saves the ball from going out.

The CNMI's Britany Wally, right, deflects the ball.

The CNMI's Paulyn Joyce, third left, runs after the ball during their game against Macau.

Team captain Janelle Chojnacki, second left, scans the floor before going after the ball.

The CNMI's Guine Borja, right, tries to keep control of the ball despite the soggy pitch.

The CNMI's Jeralyn Castillo is surrounded by Macau defenders.

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Positives gained from EAFF event

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The CNMI national teams' performance in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1 in Mongolia will bring a lot to the table as far as the growth of soccer on the islands is concerned.

"Our young players look up to our national team members and by seeing how they played in the tournament in Mongolia and the positive results they were able to produce, these young players will be inspired to stay in the program in the hope of someday, they could also play for the CNMI," Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview last Tuesday at Kanoa Resort during the send-off ceremony for the CNMI U16 Women's National Team.

MONGOLIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION PHOTO

CNMI Women's National Team players and officials pose for a photo at the conclusion of the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1 in Mongolia last Friday.

"Coming back to Saipan with positive results from an off-island tournament may also generate interest in the sport from new players. With these in mind, we are looking at the continued growth of soccer in the CNMI and getting more children involved in a healthy activity," Tan added.

The CNMI Women's Na-

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SIS, GCA 2 sweep opponents

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Saipan International School is on a roll, while Grace Christian Academy 2 is back on track in the middle school division of the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League.

The Geckos, who dropped their opener against Agape Christian School 1, made in three wins in a row following a sweep of Agape 2 last Thursday at the SIS court in As Lito. The Mili Saiki-coached SIS eased past Agape 2 in the first set, 25-9, and although the Torchbearers played better in the second, the Geckos still won by double digits, 25-12, to notch the outright victory.

With SIS extending its streak, it forced a three-way tie for second place in the team standings (pending results of yesterday's games). The Geckos were in a standoff with Agape 1 and Mt. Carmel School, as they have similar 3-1 records. SIS was hoping to get the solo No. 2 spot yesterday, as it was scheduled

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Grace Christian Academy 2 coach Genesis Prieto huddles with his players during a break in their earlier game against Saipan International School in the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League at the SIS court in As Lito.

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The CNMI's Cassandra Camacho, second left, jockeys for position against a Guam player, while Coby Santos, partly hidden, defends against a layup shot from their opponent in the IBF Youth Leadership Cup U18 Mixed 3x3 Tournament held over the weekend at the Discovery Shopping Mall Centre in Bali, Indonesia.

CNMI reaches semis of 3x3 tournament

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The CNMI made it to the semifinals of the IBF Youth Leadership Cup U18 Mixed 3x3 Tournament held over the weekend at the Discovery Shopping Mall Centre in Bali, Indonesia.

The quartet of Cassandra Camacho, Alliyah Fernandez, Dean Blake, and Coby Santos swept its first four games in the tournament organized by FIBA's International Basketball Foundation to finish in the Top 4 out of the 16 teams from 14 countries that participated in the competition. The CNMI players de-

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